

Youth Learning Center vandalized anew

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

hree drunken male teenagers allegedly vandalized the Koblerville Youth Learning Center on Koblerville Road last Sunday night.

Police officers responded but the teenagers fled to a jungle area located behind the Youth Learning Center, Saipan Tribune learned.

Youth Learning Center acting program coordinator Gloria Kaipat said using rocks, the suspects destroyed the glass panel window at the boy's re» 3 drunken school dropouts tagged as suspects

stroom located on the side of the building.

The suspects, who are said to be

school dropouts, also broke the light bulb outside on the side of the building.

Kaipat said damage to property was estimated See YOUTH on Page 4

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Youth Learning Center acting program coordinator Gloria Kaipat shows the shattered glass panel window at the boy's restroom of the Koblerville Youth Learning Center. Three drunken school dropouts were tagged as suspects behind the vandalism that occurred last

Sunday night. The suspects managed to run away to a jungle area behind the center.

NWS: More storm activity in coming months The CNMI should expect more tropical cyclone activity in the coming months compared to 2016, but not to the degree of 2015 when Typhoon Soudelor ravaged Saipan, according to National Weather Service-Forecast Office Guam warning coordination meteriologist Charles "Chip" Guard.

Guard's prediction is part of a coordinated National Weather Service and Pacific ENSO Applications Climate (PEAC) Center assessment for tropical storm and typhoon activity for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for 2017.

He said while Saipan and Tinian could experience a nearby tropical cyclone as early as July, it is more likely to happen in September, October, and November.

NWS, meanwhile, expects the See NWS on Page 4

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\$5.6M judgment to Pellegrino, MRC resolved through tax credit program

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Though a tax credit program the CNMI government has resolved the 2005 Superior

Court judgment >>> Dotts says that awarded judgment \$5.6 million the late expected to be businessman fully paid off Anthony Pelby September legrino and his Marine Revi-

talization Corp., according to attorney Michael Dotts yesterday.

Replying to Saipan Tribune's inquiry, Dotts, counsel for Pellegrino's estate,

said he handled the hearing on the final distribution for Pellegrino's estate about a week ago and that the estate is now closed.

Dotts said he cannot provide

any real details about the tax credit program that resolved the judgment because there is a confidentiality clause that

"I can say that at this point the MRC judgment has been substantially paid off and that we expect it will be fully paid off by September," he said.

With the MRC judgment, Dotts said, they reached an agreement with the CNMI government to let them sell it as tax credits.

"We have sold almost all of it now," the lawyer said, adding that the remaining money from the MRC judgment is going into Pellegrino's trust.

In April 2015, Dotts informed the court that the government still owes over \$4 million to the Pellegrino estate. At that time, Dotts pointed out that as there is no provision for paying court judgments, the CNMI budget is in violation of the CNMI Constitution.

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House passes tax exemption bill for local artists



By BEA CABRERA

REPORTER

The work and contributions of local artists in the dissemination of CNMI culture and arts were recognized by the Legislature yesterday after the passage of House Bill 20-42.

Commonwealth Council for

rector Parker Yobei described the bill as a "tax exemption for local artists. House bill No. 20-42 exempts all registered artists with the Commonwealth for Arts and Culture from paying business gross revenue tax if they earn less than \$20,000 a year."

The bill was one of the

discussed in the House session that started at 1:30pm. HB 20-42 was amended to HB No. 20-20 that talked about tax on agricultural producers and fishing to include artists registered with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

"This bill is every helpful to our office because the art-



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Survey proves that NI corals are recovering

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kimberly_bautista@saipantribune.com

Coral reefs in the Northern Islands are recovering from the massive die off that they underwent a few years back, according to marine ecosystem research specialist Dr. Kevin Gorospe and Coral Reef researcher Dr. Dione Swanson.

The two gave a presentation last Friday regarding the data that they collected after three months of surveying the Northern Marianas.

In March 2017, a team of

marine researchers boarded a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship with Gorospe and Swanson to collect data for three months out in the Pacific island lagoons. The data collected from the NOAA ship *Hi'ialakai* will be used to study the patterns and changes of the underwater environment.

According to Gorospe's presentation, consistent monitoring of the lagoons is necessary to assess status and track change over time in an ecosystem.

According to Swanson, when the team returned to the Northern Islands again to re-assess the coral reefs, the survey showed that there was a high number of juvenile or baby corals that have started to grow.

There is also bad news, according to Gorospe's presentation, as there has also been a high increase of coral bleaching in many of the Northern Island reefs.

For example, in 2014 .033 percent of the corals in the Farallon De Pajos reef ex-

perienced bleaching. The recent surveys showed that 11.63 percent of the corals have now experienced bleaching in 2017.

Many of the Northern Islands experienced a similar increase in bleaching.

Although this may be bad news, the survey also resulted in news that the corals are experiencing only partial mortality. This leaves bleached corals some tissue to help in their recovery. The corals have not completely died off.

The survey also resulted in

the revelation that there are different species of fish that have found their way to the Northern Islands.

One of the species that were found in the Northern Island lagoon was a family of angelfish.

According to Gorospe, angelfish are usually found in lagoons of different climates. The survey resulted in the revelation that angelfish are also able to survive in the climate of the Northern Island lagoons.

According to Gorospe,

although it is federally mandated to conduct these kinds of surveys, he feels that the data collected is beneficial to the community.

"And most importantly, in my opinion, you can forget about all of these federal mandates, because really what is most important is that we collect really good data that is available to you and anyone who requests it," said Gorospe.



HOUSE

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ists that we work with use natural resources like coconut leaves, carvings, trees as instruments of learning to teach children of the indigenous and diverse cultures in the CNMI," said Yobei.

"The bill allows us to bring in more artists. Compensate them for their time. We are glad that the bill will be finally put into place so we can continue the work that we do," he added.

Yobei said the bill is also important because it allows the Arts Council to be more flexible in terms of finance, commerce and license.

"Whenever we hire artists for events, the council also has to comply with finance and commerce requirements to such as to ask for business license of the artists or organization we hire. Most local artists do not have those kinds of papers because they are raw finds. Some of them do and

perform arts not for profit but for passion."

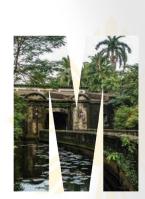
Music of the Marianas president J.J. Concepcion said the passage of the bill in the Legislature is a plus for local artists like him.

"This is definitely a great help to our local artists: musicians, performing artists bred and grown in the CNMI. This will give them confidence to think what they are doing in educating the younger generation of our culture is recognized by the government."

The bill's next stop is the hearing in the senate. If approved by the two houses, the bill becomes a law.

"We are very excited because the bill will definitely expand the programs in terms of the different arts that we want to promote. We can work with artists with flexibility to further educate others to preserve our culture. The bill helps the Arts Council achieve its goals."

The bill now goes to the Senate after hurdling the House.













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COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

A Special Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Adoption of Minutes
- VI. New Business
 - A. Discussion on proposed amendments to exclusive casino license on the following items
 - a. The Live Training Facility 6 months extension
 - b. Initial Gaming Facility (IGF)
 - c. Community Benefit Fund
 - d. Implementation Schedules
 - e. Casino License Fee
 - B. Pocket Change Draw Proposal
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Finance Secretary at 664-1100.

Demapan: PSS is in better shape

By ERWIN ENCINARES erwin_encinares@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Public School System described yesterday to be "in a better position" compared to the previous fiscal year by a lawmaker during the FY 2018 budget hearing for PSS.

While problems such as recruitment and retention of teachers persists, Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) still considers that PSS was in better shape than it was last fiscal year, factoring \$10.2 million in supplemental appropriations last year on the signing of Public Law 19-75.

PSS currently has 482 teachers.

"Some of the teachers we compensation recruit off-island stay for two contract periods before deciding to go back home. We

always have that need and on top of that, when you see an increase in student enrollment, you want to make sure that the student teacher ratio does not go higher," said PSS com-

missioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, making clear that recruitment and retention of teachers remain a priority.

Currently, PSS struggles to recruit and retain teachers in the CNMI. A major factor that plays into this is the low

package compared to other states— PSS can currently offer.

"[PSS] has definitely been

doing a whole lot better. We closed the school year with fewer vacancies than we did the previous year, so the human resources office has been very aggressive to fill in these

positions and establishing our substitute teacher pool as well," said Deleon Guerrero.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' proposed budget for PSS is at about \$36 million. PSS proposed a budget of about \$54.4 million. According to federal mandates, PSS should receive not less than 25 percent of the total proposed budget. Torres has proposed a FY 2018 budget of \$145.2 million, meaning PSS should receive no less than \$36.2 million.

"It is significantly different from the governor's proposal. If we are to depart from that, it would have to mean making significant cuts in other departments and agencies. We informed PSS today that we would seriously take into consideration their request based on the levels of priority and we would be able to give them as much resources possible without jeopardizing critical services in the government," said Demapan, commenting on the proposed budget.

Demapan commended PSS for seeking the input of the principals involved with each school to address the needs per school and incorporating it into their budget request.

"A lot of the needs of the schools and facilities were needs communicated directly from the school principals and management team and not single-handedly decided by the central office," said Demapan, adding that he was happy to learn that the

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ticipated to be completed this

morning at 6am. Customers

in the affected areas should

expect restoration of services

afternoon at 3:15p.m.

and Upper Dandan areas.

budget strategy also took into account the feedback from the various principals of the schools.

"At the end of the day, our principals and vice principals know best the needs of their own schools," he added.

According to Demapan, there needs to be a balance to make sure that although the government "seriously [invests] in the education of our children, we also need to have safeguards in our community and critical services that [the community] can avail of when the need arises."

Prosecution calls 3 more witnesses in trial of ex-Rota cop

Demapan

The prosecution called yesterday three more witnesses in the ongoing jury trial at Rota Courthouse of former Rota police officer Melvin Maratita Manglona.

After the alleged 14-year-old victim completed her testimony, the prosecution called to the stand three more witnesses a teacher and two Rota police officers,

Saipan Tribune learned.

Chief prosecutor Michelle Harris and assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio will call more witnesses at the resumption of the trial today, Wednesday, at 8:30am.

Defense counsel Brien Sers Nicholas is counsel for the 49-year-old Manglona.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph

N. Camacho is presiding over the trial.

The government charged Manglona with two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in first degree and one count of disturbing the peace. He allegedly sexually abused the girl last July and Aug. 11, 2016. The trial began on Monday. (Ferdie de la Torre)

NWS

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Northern Islands could get a tropical storm or typhoon as early as July, but more likely in August and September, while Rota could see a nearby tropical cyclone as early as July, but more likely in October, November, and December.

Guard also said that people should keep in mind that these predictions can change as the year progresses.

This assessment is based independent Pacificwide typhoon predictions, a locally-developed in-house statistical typhoon study, the current and predicted states of the El-Nino—Southern Oscillation (ENSO) climate pattern and the historical tropical cyclone activity associated with the past ENSO states. It is prepared for the and CNMI government

citizens. These predictions could change over the next several weeks or months.

The assessment also said that for Micronesia, there is a relatively predictable relationship between tropical cyclone activity and the state of ENSO.

In the tropics, tropical cyclones generally move from southeast to northwest. Thus, if a tropical storm or typhoon develops southeast of the CNMI, it will often track toward the islands. If a tropical storm or typhoon develops west to north of the islands, it will usually move away from the islands.

When an El Nino occurs, tropical storms and typhoons begin to develop earlier in the year and farther to the east toward eastern Micronesia. They tend to move toward the west-northwest or northwest, often toward the CNMI. When a La Nina event occurs, the storms tend to develop later in the year and west of or near the Mariana Islands. In this case, they move west before significantly intensifying.

During El-Nino events, the chance of Rota, Tinian, or Saipan getting a direct hit triples when compared to the chance during non-El-Nino periods. During an ENSOneutral state, which is the transition state between El-Nino and La-Nina, the chance of getting a direct hit by a tropical storm or a typhoon is much better than during LA Nina, but not as good as during El Nino. In general, the odds of Rota, Tinian, or Saipan getting a typhoon is about 1 in 7 or about every seven years. In El Nino years, the odds are in 1 in 3 or about every three years, while in La Nina the odds drop to 1 in 10 or about every 10 years.

Guard said the CNMI is currently in an ENSO-neutral status, and have been so since the decay of the rather weak 2016 La Nina.

He added that most climate forecast models suggest that the CNMI will remain in an ENSO-neutral state until summer. Thereafter, the models trend toward an El Nino event.

The NWS assessment said at this point, there is about an equal chance that the CNMI will remain ENSO-neutral or transition to El-Nino. Computer forecast models are now more skillful than in the spring. By summer, they begin to show increased skill. At this point, most models are in agreement that we will remain in an ENSO-neutral state into summer, and the trend is toward a continued ENSO-neutral state or a weak El-Nino state by late summer or fall. In this scenario, the CNMI won't get early season tropical cvclones, as has been the case. A late El Nino will either be a short-lived one or the precursor to a stronger one in 2018. (Saipan Tribune)

"We know the kids. We are rocks, destroying the glass panel at the center's back door. No item was stolen as a resident in the area called the police. But damage to property was estimated at \$1,000.

> Police arrested the suspect, who was subsequently deported to Federated States of Micronesia.

> Four years ago, the center was burglarized and several

> Kaipat and Borja said Rep. Ed Propst (Ind-Saipan) the center.

soon thereafter.

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DFEMS spokesman Derek Gersonde said no one was reported injured.

Gersonde said DFEMS received a call from the Department of Public Safety dispatch about a structure fire in Chalan Kanoa's Laly Four at 3:30pm.

Firefighters from Koblerville and Garapan fire stations responded and placed the fire under control at 3:55pm.

Gersonde said based on the scene investigation and witness interview, the fire had started in the garage of a onestory concrete house.

The fire spread to the storage room and caused smoke damage in the kitchen and living room.

Updates will be released when they are available," Gersonde said.

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Dotts said all these court

judgments against the government are debts of the CNMI. In 2010, the government's

debt to Pellegrino and his MRC had ballooned to \$8.5 million.

The government's debt, however, was reduced to \$5 million after the CNMI Supreme Court took away about \$3 million in interest. The high court ruled that judgments against the CNMI don't accrue interest.

Pellegrino established MRC to build the \$3.5-million Outer Cove Marina in the mid-1990s. MRC and the government's dispute began in 2001 after the Department of Lands and Natural

Resources not only failed to bar commercial vessels from renting slip space at Smiling Cove but also actively solicited commercial lessees.

In 2005, DLNR agreed to a court judgment ordering it to pay \$5.6 million to Pellegrino or MRC. DLNR did not comply with the order, resulting in three judgments in favor or MRC.

Pellegrino passed away in June 2013.

One of the assets of Pellegrino's estate is the MRC judgment against the CNMI.

Dotts stated in 2015 that the reason why the judgment that reached over \$8 million is now only over \$4 million because the CNMI Supreme Court decided that judgments against the government don't earn interests.

YOUTH

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at \$700.

Kaipat said the suspects were among the youths hanging outside the center that night.

After the three teenagers became drunk, they tried to open the building's door.

One boy, who was not drinking, tried to stop them. The suspects got mad at the boy, who decided to leave the place.

The suspects then started breaking the glass window of the building apparently to burglarize the center. A resident in the area, however, called the police.

When police officers arrived, the teenagers ran to a trail in the jungle located behind the center.

Youth Affairs Office special assistant Shalaine Borja said it's sad that the government is accommodating programs for the children at the center, but still this kind of vandalism is still happening.

trying to contact the authorities," Borja said.

Borja said to prevent this kind of incident, they are hoping to have a Koban station at the center similar to the one that the Department of Public Safety had recently established at the Youth Manhoben Center in Chalan Kanoa.

Borja said police visibility and extra patrol in Koblerville are important to deter criminal activities.

Two to three months ago, a male teenager also threw

items were stolen. donated an alarm system at

Taimanao to compete in 2017 Miss Teen Continents

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kimberly_bautista@saipantribune.com

Miss Teen Marianas Palanga Taimanao will compete in the 2017 Miss Teen Continents pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada this coming Friday.

The 17-year-old held a press conference last Monday after checking in for her flight to Las Vegas.

Taimanao will be the first Miss Teen Marianas to join Miss Continents, which began in 2008 to bring young ladies from all over the world together for a common goal.

According to Stellar Marianas president Laila Boyer, "Stellar Mariana has been sending its teen delegates to Miss Teen International Pageant in Florida—but this year, it is a new pageant in the city of glitz and glamour, Las Vegas.'

When asked about her inspiration for joining this pageant, Taimanao told the media that her only motivation right now is to work hard to bring back the title to the Marianas before the end of her reign this year.

Taimanao said that during her reign as 2017 Miss Teen, she has learned so much about herself and that the journey has sculpted her into a lady.

Taimanao told the media that before she was crowned Miss Teen, she was athletic and was focused on school and sports. After she was crowned, Taimanao learned about the



KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

Palanga Taimanao, 2017 Miss Teen Marianas, joins her mom, Cecile, Stellar Marianas national director Crispin Deleon Guerrero, and Stellar Marianas president Laila Boyer for a photo last Monday at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

importance of poise and grace, she learned to speak out, and she learned the importance of confidence.

Taimanao told the media that while she is in the pageant, she would give it her all. "When I fly over, I will do my best during the competition while I am in it," said Taimanao.

Taimano will be spending the remainder of this week preparing for the pageant this Friday.

Taimanao has been practic-

ing for a few months in preparation of the pageant. She told the media, "I have been practicing my walk, my poses, and questions and answers."

According to Taimanao, she is most intimidated by the question and answer portion.

"The most challenging part of the pageant would have to be the Q&A. You are going in blind. You don't know what they are going to ask you but no matter what, you always

have to be prepared," she said. According to Taimanao, she is honored and excited to be representing the Northern Marianas in the 2017 Miss

Teen Continents.

the journey and experience that she will gain after this pageant.

"This is actually my first time to join to join an international pageant so I am so ex-

Taimanao is most excited for cited for the experience," said Taimanao.

> There will be 20 girls including Taimanao that will be competing for the Miss Teen Continent title.

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The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

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The Office of the Attorney General is reminding all notaries public commissioned in the Commonwealth that they are required to submit a copy of their journals on or before June 30, 2017. The law requires notaries public to submit their journal copies each year by June 30 or face sanctions, including revoking the notary public commission, or the assessment of a fine of \$100 to \$500. For more information, contact Esther San Nicolas

Nesbitt at the OAG's Civil Division at 237-7500, or through email at esther nesbitt@cnmioag.org. (PR)

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Johnson and Bautista are truly anchored home

By BEA CABRERA

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Professionals

The CNMI is recognizing young professionals this week with the proclamation of June 26-July 1, 2017 as Young Professionals Week.

The proclamation recognizes that the

youth are an integral piece of the CNMI's current workforce: economic, social and cultural future.

Saipan Tribune was able to talk to Kristal Ann Johnson and Kevin Bautista, two inspirational young profes-

> sionals who had the opportunity to study outside of the CNMI. had the chance to flourish in any part of the world of their choosing and through it all, still chose to

come back to Saipan.

They came back not thinking that opportunities will be less and their degree and experience off-island will lose its value.

Both are also members of the Marianas Young Professionals under the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Johnson works as an educator at Koblerville Elementary School. She graduated from Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii and was a product of the CNMI Public School System.

Awarded as Koblerville Teacher of the Year in 2016, Johnson loves seeing her students grow and further their education.

"I chose to come back be-

cause I knew that if I wanted to grow as an educator, I had to start where I was from. I didn't just want to teach, I wanted to inspire. I wanted young children to see that even people like us, people like me, from this tiny island, we could help each other succeed in life."

Kevin Bautista, for his part, works as the acting press secretary for the Office of the Governor. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a double minor in History and Asian/ Pacific Islander American



Kevin Bautista is a member of the Marianas Young Professionals and the acting press secretary of the Office of the Governor.

Studies and was a product of have seen friends and school-Mount Carmel High School.

"When I graduated from high school back in 2011, I was a wide-eyed kid and very excited to leave the island for more opportunities. But in all my experiences off-island and being away from home taught me how blessed I am to be from the CNMI."

Both Johnson and Bautista

mates venture out and decide to pursue careers outside of the CNMI.

"The saying 'we have very little to offer; is something I would've agreed with 18 years ago when I was 10. But today, I see the growth. I see the switch and the changes. If we could get our youth to see

Checkup and Screening Guidelines for Women **Checkups and Screenings** Ages When? 50+ Every 3 years Every 2 years 1 Review overall health status, perform a thorough physical exam, and discuss health related Every year **Blood Pressure** High blood pressure (hypertension) has no symptoms, but can cause permanent damage to Every year Should be done on occasion of exposure or suggestive symptoms at direction of a physician. Every 5 years Some occupations may require more frequent testing to public health indications, disease or have symptoms. Every 3 years **Blood Tests, Urinalysis** Screens for various illnesses and diseases (such as cholesterol, diabetes, kidney or thyroid Every 2 years dysfunction) before symptoms occur. Every year Age 30 Baseline 1 Every 2 years Electrocardiograms screens for heart abnormalities Every year **Tetanus Shot** Every 10 years Prevents lockiaw Rectal Exam Every year Screens for hemorrhoids, lower rectal problems, and colon cancer. Every year **Breast Health** Cervical exam by health provider Every 1-2 year Mammography; X-ray of breast Every year Hemoccult Screens the stool for microscopic amounts of blood that can be the first indication of Every year polyps or colon cancer. **Colorectal Health** A flexible scope examines the rectum, sigmoid and descending colon for cancer at its earliest Every 3-4 year and treatable stages. It also detects polyps, which are benign growth that can progress to cancer if not found early. Should be considered in smokers over the age of 45. The usefulness of this test on a yearly the Physicians basis is debatable due to poor cure rate of lunch cancer. Postmenopausal Bone mineral density test. Testing is best done under the supervision of your physician. Monthly by self Breast: To find abnormal lumps in their earliest stages. Skin: To look for signs of changing moles, freckles, or early skin cancer. Oral: To look for signs of cancerous lesions in the mouth. Discuss with Peri-menopausal women should consider screening for FSH (follicle stimulating hormone) the Physicians and LM (luteinizing hormone) to determine if a supplemental estrogen therapy is needed. Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) Discuss with Sexually active adults who consider themselves at risk for STDs should be screened for the Physicians syphilis, chlamydia, HIV, and other STDs. Every 1-3 years after Reproductive Health 3 consecutive normal test Age 18 Pap test/Pelvic exam Discuss with a physician.







For more information in the CNMI, contact the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at (670) 236-8727/8,

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Northern Mariana Islands

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 17-JUDICIARY-03

Mold Assessment and Eradication Services for the Guma Hustisia, limwal Aweewee, House of Justice

The Commonwealth Judicial Branch ("Judiciary" or "Judicial Branch") has been awarded an infrastructure maintenance grant in the maximum amount of \$25,000, and is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to provide certain mold assessment and eradication design services for the Judiciary with respect to its Guma Hustisia/limwal Aweewee/House of Justice, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Firms or individuals submitting proposals must have a valid CNMI business license and be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70,

The proposal package will be available on **June 7, 2017** at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held on June 29th at 10:30 a.m., local time at the Guma Hustisia Law Revision Commission—Law Library. Questions or inquiries can be directed to Mr. Gerald Weaver, Building Superintendent, by email to Gerald. Weaver@justice.gov.mp before the pre-proposal meeting, in person at the pre-proposal meeting, or by email on or before June 30th at 5:00 p.m. local time.

Sealed proposals must be marked RFP17-JUDICIARY-03 and submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan no later than July 13, 2017, 3:00 p.m., local time. Firms or individuals submitting proposals from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Budget and Finance Director no later than **July 13. 2017. 3:00 p.m.. local time.** Notices of Intent may be faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to John. Villagomez@justice.gov.mp. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 13, 2017, AND the proposal must be received at the Office of the Budget and Finance Director no later than July 24, 2017, close of business.

The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Government. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Government and will not be returned to the proposer.

/S/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO CHIEF JUSTICE

/S/ JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ BUDGET AND FINANCE DIRECTOR

JOHNSON

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it to, and change their perspective on life here, I believe they would prefer to come home," said Johnson.

Bautista has similar thoughts why many graduates do not come back.

"I think many graduates and young professionals choose to stay off-island because they believe that there isn't a lot of opportunities here at home. But there are many steps being undertaken by this administration and the young professional organizations here on island to mitigate that. Our CNMI Scholarship Office has plans in place to give incentives to recent graduates to come back home and not just professionally develop here, but really make an impact on our community".

As someone who came back to the CNMI with the right tools-education and experience—optimism is still their driving factor.

According to Johnson, the main skill she acquired from her time off-island is humility. "I learned that without understanding how important that is, you will not be able to reach your full potential. All we can do is be productive and positive citizens."



"To the young professionals, you are the change we need. We need you to change your minds and your hearts. Our love for this island is not enough to change it, but if we put all that heart behind the knowledge you have gained from meeting people and learning we could be the spark that ignites the fire in others to join and support the change we want to see."

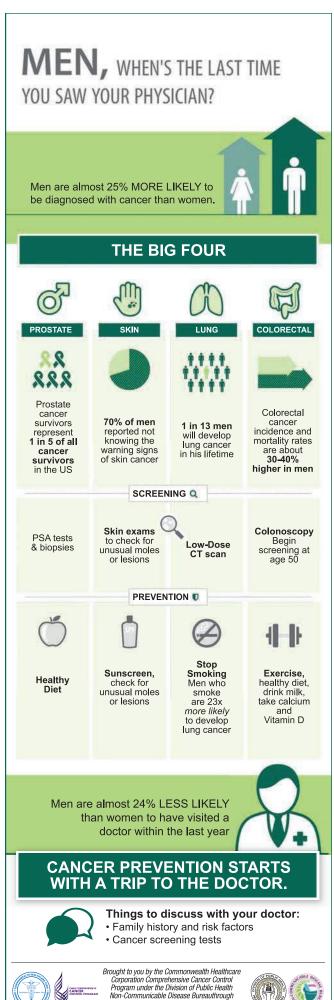
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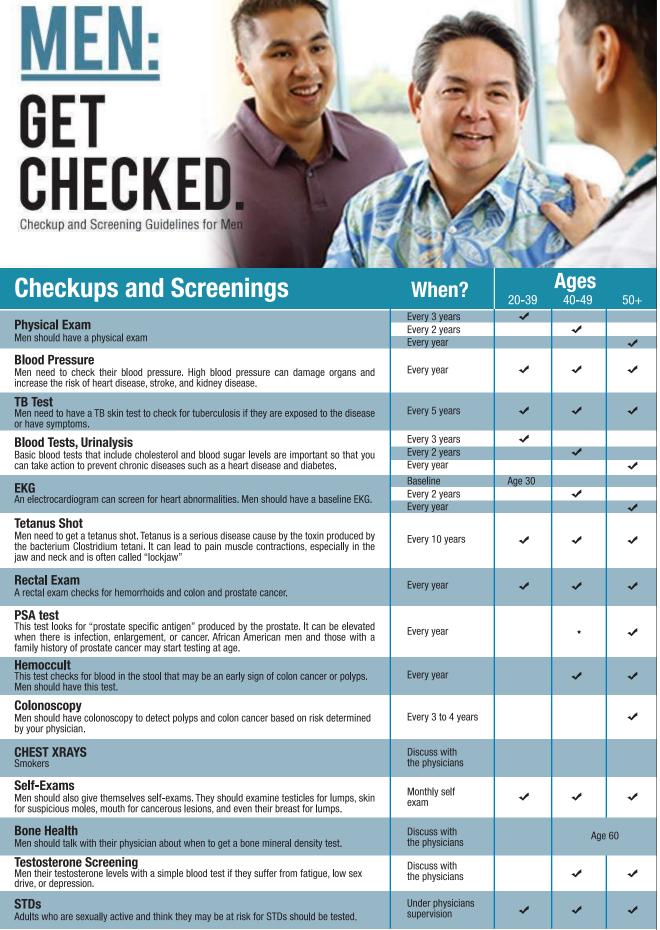
Kristal Ann Johnson is a member of Saipan Young Professionals under Chamber of Commerce and is the 2016 Teacher of the Year at Koblerville Elementary School.

velopment of Saipan provides recent graduates and young professionals with more of an incentive and motivation to pursue their passions. I chose to come back to Saipan because this truly is home. Michigan and D.C. are a part of my identity, but they didn't fully represent my definition of home. This is home, and it's great to be back and working for governor Torres and his administration," Bautista said.

"I believe in the spirit of inafa'maole-doing good for others. It's rare to find a place like Saipan where everyone is so close and convey this real sense of interdependence." Bautista added.



100% funding provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



For more information in the CNMI, contact the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at (670) 236-8727/8







nwealth Healthcare Comprehensive Cancer Control Program under the Division of Public Health Non Communicable Disease through 100% federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC

Tinian government cleans up Broadway Avenue



As part of the Tinian Mayor's Office's priorities to continue keeping Tinian clean, Mayor

Joey Patrick San Nicolas' office will continue with beautification projects that promotes

the municipality.

One such project that occurs on a monthly basis is the clean-



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works



INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-17-IFB-022

PROPOSED TOILET FACILITIES FOR ROTA VARIOUS LOCATION

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Proposed Toilet Facilities** for Rota Various Location, Rota Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after June 28 2017 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on <u>July 18, 2017</u>, 10:00 a.m. local time at **Rota Mayor Office**, **Rota**. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on <u>July 28, 2017</u> to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Clear, Description of the control of the con Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-17-IFB-022". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time August 3. 2017. Bidders located outside of the CMMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, August 3. 2017, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 3. 2017 and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than August 14, 2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid. number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, August 17, 2017. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on August 3, 2017.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surrety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check; "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit

- pertification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an

Acceptable assets are only

- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US\$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern

JAMES A. ADA Secretary of Public Works HERMAN S. SABLAN

Tinian Mayor's Office and staff from the Tinian Department of Public Works and Department of Land and Natural Resources recently conducted a cleanup of Broadway Avenue, the is-

up of Tinian's main Broadway Avenue that runs through the center of San Jose Village all the way up to North Field.

land's main thoroughfare.

From June 19-23, the mayor's special project's staff together with Tinian Department of Public Works and Department of Land and Natural Resources staff, worked hand-in-hand to clear Broadway Avenue from the entrance of the Tinian Airport up to the Shinto Shrine north of Unai Dangkulu (Long Beach). The project has been successful and will continue to be a part of the municipality's priorities.

Despite the economic challenges of the municipality, San Nicolas will continue to reach out to the different government and private entities to collaborate in projects such as this. In doing so, Tinian will continue to experience progress.

San Nicolas and the people of Tinian extend their appreciation to the mayor's special projects staff, the 16th Tinian Municipal Council staff, the Tinian DPW and DLNR staff, as well as all those who participated. San Nicolas also extends his sincerest appreciation for the 16th Tinian Municipal Council Chairman, councilman Antonio SN. Borja, for ensuring the success of the project as he was the acting mayor during this time. (PR)

Tinian mayor backs ASL workshop

In collaboration with Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas' office and the program under the Tinian Youth Center headed by director Lorrah Santos, youth and adult participants received American Sign Language training from June 19 to 22.

Students from the University of Gallaudet (Washington, D.C.) together with their interpreter/founder/director of "Månha Project" Heather Zimmerman taught American Sign Language at the Tinian Youth Center.

This is the first time Zimmerman hosted an ASL camp/ workshop on Tinian. Myra Aguon, Angela Roger, Darriyan Thomas, and Connor Baer, all students from the University of Gallaude, assisted in teaching the participants basic American Sign Language.

"I want to thank director Santos from our Tinian Youth Center and her staff for coordinating and hosting this extremely valuable workshop. It empowers our youth and adult participants to better serve our community members, most especially our youth and adults who are in need of American Sign Language services," said San Nicolas. (PR)



From left, Myra Aguon, Angela Rogers, Darriyan Thomas, Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas and his wife Connie San Nicolas, director Heather Zimmerman, and Connor Baer



Procurement & Supply Division.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **CUC-RFP-17-026**

Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing, Financials, Work Order Computer System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from utility billing, financials and work order software developer firms, for the Purchase of Enterprise Resource Planning Solution (ERP) software and sustainment for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails assessment, training, project management, migration, application and implementation. Deliverables may include a quotation for equipment to support the project, collaborative and performance reporting. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 27, 2017 at

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or redit card in the amount of \$\$100, (non-refundable) for one RFP package sensisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-026 Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing, Financials, Work Order Computer System" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price to total be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their ins iance with the CNMI's Insurance Code

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CIIC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10-00 AM (ChST) on lune 30, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Antonio B. Castro, CUC Chief Finemail address antonio.castro@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr.

USCIS introduces redesigned form for green card applicants

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has published a revised Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Form I-485). The new Form I-485 and instructions have been substantially updated to reduce complexity after collecting comments from the public and stakeholders.

The revised version gives applicants better information to accurately complete Form I-485, including clear navigation to the parts of the form and instructions that are relevant to the applicants' specific situations. These updates should increase the efficiency of the how to properly complete, adjudication process by reducing errors and requests for evidence.

Applicants living in the United States file Form I-485 to adjust their immigration status and become lawful permanent residents, which allows one to live and work permanently in the United States. Adjusting status is a critical step for those seeking U.S. citizenship.

USCIS also revised the Form I-485 Supplement A and Form I-485 Supplement J (as well as each supplement's instructions), to provide applicants with more detailed information about

file, and submit evidence if those supplements are applicable to their situation.

Beginning today, there will be a 60-day grace period during which USCIS will accept both the 01/17/17 and 06/26/17 editions of Form I-485 and Supplement A and J. Beginning Aug. 25, USCIS will only accept the revised Form and Supplement A and J of Form I-485 and will no longer accept earlier versions of either form.

What's New? USCIS improved Form I-485 to in-

■ Better flow and organization of questions to make applicants and USCIS. In addition, readability has significantly improved due to new spacing, columns, flow, white space, and formatting.

- The questions about biographic information (Form G-325A) so applicants will no longer need to file a separate form;
- A list of 27 immigrant categories, which allows applicants to identify the specific immigrant category under which they are applying; and
- A comprehensive, updated list of admissibilityrelated questions. The added questions to ensure USCIS

it user-friendly for both the officers have the necessary information to better assess the applicant's admissibility and eligibility.

What remains the same

While both Form I-485 and its instructions may look different from earlier versions, the process for filing Form I-485 and Form I-485 Supplement A and Form I-485 Supplement J remains the same. Applicants must still submit their paper applications to the location listed in USCIS and its programs, the form instructions.

Further information

Visit the Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status page and the Form I-485 Supplement A page for further information about the new forms and instructions

Applicants can visit the USCIS Green Card Eligibility Categories page for information on eligibility requirements for each immigrant category.

All USCIS forms are free on our website at www.uscis.gov/forms.

For more information on please visit www.uscis. gov or follow us on Twitter (@uscis), YouTube (/uscis), Facebook(/uscis), and Instagram (@uscis). (USCIS)



Commonwealth Development Authority

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

2017-CDA-07-IFB

CLOSING DATE: Monday, July 17, 2017 • TIME: 10:00 a.m.

"OFFICE SPACE FOR CDA in ROTA"

Copies of the bid specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development

Authority, Saipan Office, $2^{\rm nd}$ floor CDA Building, Oleai or the NMHC & CDA Rota Office at the Tamara & 7 Brothers Bldg. in Songsong Village during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in

part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the

Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2017-CDA-08-RFP

CLOSING DATE: Friday, July 21, 2017 • TIME: 10:00 a.m.

"FINANCIAL & COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 AND 2018"

Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor, CDA Bldg., Oleai, Saipan, during regular working hours, by facsimile at 235-7147 or on our

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

MANUEL A. SABLAN

HERMAN S. SABLAN



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB 17-DPS-170

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 28, 2017

TIME: 10:30A.M.

"PURCHASE OF THRITY-TWO (32) NEW PORTABLE RADIOS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY -**BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLE**"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

/S/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO COMMISSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY /S/ HERMAN S SARI AN DIRECTOR, P&S



MANUEL A. SABLAN

Executive Director

UNITED STATES

Director, Procurement and Supply

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its 3rd Quarter General Membership Meeting on June 29, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Fiesta Resort & Spa – Azucena Room.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- II.
- Review & Adoption of Agenda of June 29, 2017 III.
- IV. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes of December 29, 2016
- - Review & Approve the Renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement between CDD and CAMI - Trankilu Alternative Financing Program
- VI. Reports
 - Chairperson
 - **State Plan Committee Chairperson**
 - **Fiscal Committee Chairperson**
 - **Executive Director**
- **OLD Business**
 - a. Office of the Public Auditor's Code of Ethics Presentation
 - **VOICES of the CNMI Tinian Chapter Update**
- **New Business**
 - a. Youth Conference
 - CRSP Update Volunteer Respite Program Webinar
 - Wellness Recovery Action Plan Seminar 1 and Peer Worker Training
 - d. A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education and Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities
- XI. Miscellaneous
- **Next Meeting**
- Adjournment

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.

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The Supreme Court's uneasy compromise on Trump's travel ban

resident Donald Trump called the Supreme Court's decision to hear cases related to his ban on travel from six Muslim nations and to allow it to go into partial effect in the meantime "a clear victory." But there's nothing clear about it, either for his administration or for those who could be affected by it. Rather, it is reminiscent of other baby-splitting decisions by the Roberts court in politically tricky cases, and it is difficult to see what it portends either in the weeks ahead or after the court hears arguments this fall.

A decision joined by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Stephen G. Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Anthony Kennedy and Sonia Sotomayor sets a new standard for which nationals from the six countries named in Trump's executive order will be allowed in the country while the administration devises its new "extreme vetting" procedures.

Anyone with a "bona fide relationship to a person or entity" in the United States will be allowed in; those without such a connection won't. They came to that standard based on the circumstances of the parties in the cases before them — two Americans who were seeking entry of family members from affected nations, and the state of Hawaii, which argued it had been harmed by the effect on university students.

There is some logic there; the court is responding to the particular kinds of harms claimed by the complainants, but it is declining to do so for others who are not similarly situated, and it is recognizing that it lacks a responsibility to look out for potential harms to non-American citizens abroad.

But as Justice Clarence Thomas points out in a separate opinion joined by Justices Samuel A. Alito and Neil M. Gorsuch, the other six justices have opened up a minefield of implementation and enforcement questions. Who is to decide what counts as a "bona fide" relationship? The Trump administration, presumably, and given the likelihood that it won't be overly generous in its assessments, that portends an avalanche of new litigation from aggrieved would-be travelers. The court's majority says those who have "close family members" in the United States or those who attend school here, have jobs here, invitations to lecture here, etc., would be allowed to enter, but others — tourists, presumably — would not. The court says an immigration advocacy group couldn't simply sign up would-be travelers as clients to avoid the terms of the executive order, but how that relates to refugees working with resettlement agencies here is unclear. Justice Thomas accuses the court of straying into the turf of the political branches of government, and he has a point. The court essentially made policy on the fly

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Trump's failing Big Man Doctrine

ing Salman of Saudi Arabia just elevated his somewhat reckless 31-year-old son Prince Mohammed to become crown prince, and the White House is thrilled.

The prince has bonded with First Son-in-Law Jared Kushner, hosting him and Ivanka Trump for dinner at his home when the pair traveled with the president to Saudi Arabia. The closeness of these two "princes" syncs perfectly with the emerging Trump Doctrine of foreign policy.

Call it the "Big Man Doctrine."

Based on his performance over five months, President Trump clearly believes communing with autocrats (or having Kushner act as surrogate) is the key to a great deal. Autocrats are easier to deal with than democratic leaders beholden to parliaments. And the thought of going mano a mano with friendly tyrants has a familiar ring to a man convinced he is the master of the deal.

Only one problem: based on Trump's experience so far with the Saudi royal family, with Xi Jinping of China, and with Russia's Vladimir Putin, the Big Man Doctrine has been a big bust.

Let's start with the Saudis. Yes, the president, and his family, got a royal reception and signed big arms deals. And yes, the Saudis put on a show of pulling together Sunni Arab states into a sort of Arab NATO that would stand tall against the Islamic State and Iran.

But, by lining up 100 percent behind the Saudi king who treated them so grandly, Trump and Kushner have embroiled the United States in a big mess.

The Arab NATO has already proved to be a mirage. Saudi royalty have launched a personal vendetta and blockade against one member, Qatar. Never mind that Qatar hosts the biggest U.S. air base in the region, which is the headquarters for U.S. Central Command. And Kushner's buddy, Prince Mohammed, seems eager to drag an unwitting Trump further into a losing Saudi war in Yemen and, if possible, into attacking Iran.

Yet the Big Man Doctrine gives Trump the excuse to ignore the warnings from knowledgeable advisers. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Defense Secretary James Mattis wanted to mediate the Qatar issue, not exacerbate it. But Trump has stiffed them, tweeting support for the Saudi monarchy against Qatar.

The Big Man Doctrine hasn't worked out any better with China. Trump wined and dined Xi Jinping in April at Mar-a-Lago and thought he had convinced the Chinese leader to get tough on North Korea. Indeed, the president damped down all previous criticism of Beijing on trade and on militarizing the South China Sea, because he believed he'd talked Xi into cutting economic ties with Pyongyang.

Last week, the president uncharacteristically tweeted an admission of failure on China and North Korea. "At least I know China tried!" he wrote.

Does he?

Almost any China expert would have told Trump that Xi wasn't likely to blockade Pyongyang; Beijing worries less about

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North Korean nukes than about the potential collapse of the regime.

Trump, however, disdains experts, notably at the State De-

partment. The White House has slashed the department's budget by a third, and failed to fill scores of key positions. Moreover, Trump famously distrusts the U.S. intelligence community. And judging by his tweets and off-script remarks, he fails to absorb much of his briefings.

So, unburdened by knowledge, his Big Man Doctrine is likely to trip him up again and again.

Nowhere is that more obvious than with Putin, whom Trump will probably meet with at a G-20 summit in Hamburg, Germany, next month.

Candidate Trump was obsessed with the idea of doing some sort of "grand bargain" directly with Putin, lifting sanctions imposed for Russia's invasion of Ukraine in return for joint cooperation against the Islamic State in Syria. That obsession, fed by key advisers like Michael Flynn and Steve Bannon, revealed Trump's vastly overblown expectations of what Putin would deliver in any such deal.

Trump's urge to set up a secret back channel to communicate directly with Putin is probably what sent Flynn and Kushner in pursuit of fishy meetings with Russians during the Trump transition. The president-elect no doubt dreamed of announcing a "big man" deal during his first hundred days.

Whether or not that was the case, Trump still seems to dream of a deal with Putin. He's still unwilling to admit, flat out, that Russia conducted cyber-espionage during the U.S. election. He still refuses to recognize that Russian espionage involves a threat to U.S. security, irrespective of who won the election campaign.

Which brings us to the biggest risk of the "Big Man Doctrine." By personalizing foreign policy, by making it about him, his family, and their potential deals, Trump misunderstands the role of a president. He refuses to recognize he's dealing with issues of far greater magnitude than the display of his bargaining skills.

The president's dealings with King Salman and Xi, and his hopes for Putin have achieved little because they've been based on a crippled foreign policy process and a woeful presidential lack of knowledge. Personal relationships between leaders can be useful, but a Big Man foreign policy doctrine will lead to grief.

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Woman who goaded boyfriend to commit suicide must pay for dark act

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f you know me, you know someone very close to me committed suicide. If you don't know me, all you have to do is Google "Christine Flowers" near "suicide" and you'll have a concise history of my writings on the topic. Lately, I've tried to distance myself from the past, not because I'm ashamed of it or because I regret talking about it to perfect strangers, but because it's not entirely my story to tell. The aftermath — the mourning and the regret — is something I have a right to ex-

But the personal story of what drives someone to render their wracked and wrought soul unto whatever God they imagine (or disbelieve) is not my property. That narrative ends with the departed life. I cannot stand the type of journalist who uses the death of friends or family to make a political point about how we need more mental health centers, better addiction treatments and "stop the bullying" classes. Of course we need these things, because no one should die by their own hands, but using someone's sad life to advocate for them seems voyeurish. Then again, that's what we're all about in the age of social media.

Which brings me to the subject of this column, which is only tangentially related to my personal loss. This past week, a Massachusetts court found a young woman guilty of involuntary manslaughter. The case is sui generis, one of a kind, and chilling. Michelle Carter's boyfriend was clinically depressed and, during the course of their relationship, had often threatened to commit suicide. At the beginning, the then-17-year-old tried to help him.

But like most people who have to deal with suicidal and desperate loved ones, she got frustrated, tired and, because she was only a teenager, impatient. That's completely understandable.

What is not understandable is what she did next. On July 12, 2014, Carter's boyfriend, Conrad Roy, texted to tell her that he was going to commit suicide that night and that he was going to do it by filling his truck with carbon monoxide. Instead of calling his parents, 911 or even just pleading with him to reconsider, she actively encouraged him to kill himself.

But that's not even the reason she will spend up to 20 years in jail. After his truck started to fill up with carbon monoxide, the boy actually jumped out and said he didn't think he could go

And Carter, who was now speaking to her boyfriend on the phone, told him to "get back in." Roy got back in. And never got out again.

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without clearly knowing the consequences; that's the territory of the Trump administration and the current Republican Congress.

Justice Thomas reads into the majority opinion an "implicit conclusion that the government has made a strong showing that it is likely to succeed on the merits — that is, that the judgments below will be reversed," but we wouldn't be making that bet just yet. Remember, the court was being asked to uphold a preliminary injunction, which means it had to determine in advance of seeing all the evidence and hearing all the arguments that the complainants had a high likelihood of success and would otherwise suffer irreparable harm. That's a high standard

Rather than sending a clear signal about the case's ultimate outcome, this development smacks of Justice Roberts' instinct for messy compromise in politicized matters, as in the ruling upholding the Affordable Care Act's individual insurance coverage mandate under Congress' taxation powers while declaring the law's Medicaid expansion optional for the states. The coalition here is even the same — Roberts plus the liberal bloc and the swing-voting Justice Kennedy. It may keep the court from appearing to take sides in a partisan dispute, but it also fails to make a clean statement on the issues at hand.

When the time comes to decide the merits of this case, and not just whether to stay a preliminary injunction on the executive order, the court should not and cannot skirt the big questions. Can the president enact a policy based on a clearly discriminatory intent, and do the courts have any role in evaluating the rationality of a president's claims to be protecting national security? The judges of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, ruling in a Maryland case, answered no to the former question, and the judges in the Ninth Circuit answered yes to the second. The Supreme Court should do the same.

The evidence that she told him to finish the job of killing himself comes in her own words, by way of a text she sent to a friend: "I was on the phone with him and he got out of the car because it (the carbon monoxide) was working and he got scared." She said she then instructed him "to get back in."

That was enough for the judge to find Carter guilty of involuntary manslaughter, which, under Massachusetts law, requires an unintentional death caused by the "reckless conduct" of the defendant. In this case, Carter's "reckless conduct" was knowingly urging her troubled boyfriend to kill himself after he had already indicated to her that he couldn't go through with it. The judge found that her words "get back in" were the proximate cause of his death.

I talked about this case on my radio show Sunday, and there were people who strongly disagreed with the verdict. They were in good company. The American Civil Liberties Union and a number of conservative and libertarian commentators have warned about that ubiquitous "slippery slope" that everyone drags out when people start getting nervous that the commonsense decision in one case might be applied to future cases.

The critics argue that if we start making words into weapons, we will endanger free speech. It was suggested, disingenuously, I think, that finding Carter guilty in this case would make it more likely that family members could be criminally charged for By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS Philadelphia Daily News

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counseling their loved ones about end-of-life decisions.

That, my friends, is absolute nonsense. This isn't a case about someone who rendered heartfelt advice about hospice treatment. This is about a young woman who knew that her boyfriend was standing on a ledge, and she used her words and her confidential relationship with him to coax him off it, into the abyss.

And here is where I come full circle, back to my experience. I was not there when my brother died. I was miles away, in presence and in thought. But if I had been given the privilege to send him a message in those final moments before irrevocable decisions were made, I would have coaxed him toward the light.

That is why we must make Carter pay for her dark act, to remind us of what happens when our humanity is eclipsed.

Gi Lemlem Tautau

essu gi lemlem tautau matachoñg-yu` gi baranda umefresku. Umachigu`-yu` pot para bai na katma hinasoghu. 'Nai mas homhum, hu huñgog i uttimu katen paluma siha gi biradan para fina` halum tanu`. I ekun katen niha umesgaihon halum i pueñge.

Umafagcha` yan bonitan minachum atdau gi sanlagu. Ha estira papaña gi uttimu despedidan bien benidu. Maliñgu i lemlem tautau. Finagpu` ha`ane!

Hu dandan dispasiu na sunidun piano mientras hu tataitai gaseta siha ni hu matka gi iyoghu komputa. I attikulu ginen i mas man-afamau na gasetan i globus. Hu ayeg asuntu siha piot i libianu ha affekta hit guine.

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Kuestion: I kabales na kinemprende gaige gi kuestion ni un' faisen: haf i intension sino prinepone ni lumalailai gi hinassomu? I man-tomtum matuñgu` este na patte gi ininan asuntu.

Gi ti mapot na eskalera: malago` hau machochu`. Un` tutuhun humusgan maisa haf' na cho'chu' guaha, apas gi ora, benefisiu siha, lugat 'nai gaige moseria, kau guaha sahyan-mu, yan haf kualifikasion-mu para i annunsiau na offisiu.

Gi uttimu besis, dispues de todu kuestion un' oppi, siempre un' famatinas disision kau un' fan applika. Estague' kumeke ileghu kuestion. Guaha mas asuntu manladidog ni numesessita kritikat na ineppin kuestion siha. Lau kumu un' offisiona fumaisen i propiu kuestion siempre un' komprende asunto-mu.

Biblia: I Santa Biblia i mas mauleg na lepblu ni maprinta gi enteru i tanu`. Desde siñku na lepblu ni mana setbi kumu pisu gi matuge` este na lepblu todu pot si Jesukristu.

Ha papañgun dañkulu interes-hu tumaitai tinige` man-estudiau na man-totum haf' gaige gi hinasson niha gi 'nos kuantos attikulu hinanau Jesukristo. Gi uttimu besis parehu mapetsisige lau pot sahñge chalan ma-ayeg gi karera.

Namanman haf na i Saina ha ayeg lancheru yan peskadot kumu disipulu ya ti professot letra. Ha tuñgu` i Saina na i dos tautague kumomprende sustansian planu yan ñgai'an 'nai propiu umadiñgan pot tinago'ña. Man-mehnalum maseha ti tatkilu' offisiun niha lau mantomtum gi asuntu siha!

Amesta: I mauleg na relasion yan prohimu-mu guaguaña ke todu salape`mu ni gaige gi bañku. Si Howard Hughes, biyinariu, matai yan kochinuña.

Un' tiuhu ilegña na gai salape'gue' onse miyon pesus gi bañku. Dos mesis dispues madispone. Hu konsidedera kau ha By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

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Gi lamasan San Pedro todu mattu para umahusga parehu galun. Solu satbasion-mu i mauleg bidamu. Taya` pot fiñkas yan

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'Nai hu huñgog teti i ichan hu falague kusinan sanhiyuñg para bai ekuñgog bailan uchan gi hilu` sin. Paire! Esta man-a`atotpe i granun uchan antes de u fan milag papa'. Fresku magahet i hinanau lemlem tautau.

Guiya ayu na sunidun uchan i hagas muna` mamafoñg maigohu' gi hagas guma' gi Lali Fo'. Adahe 'an pañgpañg guinaifen mañglu` mattiempu. In` chili` pidasun tapbla ya duru ham pa`gu man-suberu` gi plasan eskuela. Adahe na fachi` in` gimen lau ni

In' asegura na añglu' i hayun i feggun antes de oran deskansu. Taftaf inna' masa amotsan oga'an diariu antes de misan mona. Mauleg hinanau mame yan famaguon bisinu siha guihe

I mas makat na malabidan mame i in` saki chipan man-amku` para usun chichipopo' gi kareran Guma' Yuus. Un' biahe in' chage sigariyun patma—chupan tinanum man-amku. Kanaha` ti in' fatinas para i sakristia 'nai hana' fan bulachun aguayenti ham. Che'chu' pitbetserias!

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Magahet na puti gi pepble maletke mana'e amot pot ti siña ha apase. Uttimoña mas malañgu i prohimu ke u homlu'. Estague' na patte makeke aregla ni manehante.

Doble: Duru un' palao'an kumate pot tiha hoñge na para u finababa ni asaguaña. Ineppi ni primet asagua ni ha fafana', "Na tiha yute`yu` pot hagu!" Finu` defuntu tata-hu "true story!"

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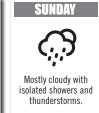
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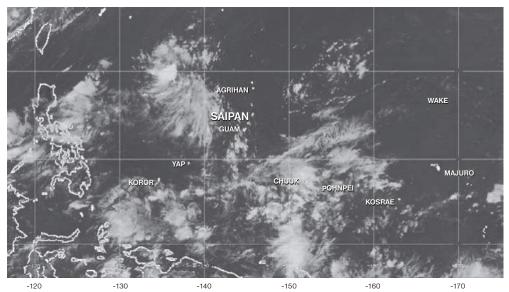


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After Puerto Rico's debt crisis, worries shift to Virgin Islands

By MARY WILLIAMS WALSH
NEW YORK TIMES

CHARLOTTE AMALIE,

V.I.—The United States Virgin Islands is best known for its powdery beaches and turquoise bays, a constant draw for the tourists who frequent this tiny American territory.

Yet away from the beaches the mood is ominous, as government officials scramble to stave off the same kind of fiscal collapse that has already engulfed its neighbor Puerto Rico.

The public debts of the Virgin Islands are much smaller than those of Puerto Rico, which effectively declared bankruptcy in May. But so is its population, and therefore its ability to pay. This tropical territory of roughly 100,000 people owes some \$6.5 billion to pensioners and creditors.

Now, a combination of factors—insufficient tax revenue, a weak pension system, the loss of a major employer and a new reluctance in the markets to lend the Virgin Islands any more money—has made it almost impossible for the government to meet its obligations. In January, the Virgin Islands found itself unable to borrow and nearly out of funds for basic government operations.

The sudden cash crunch was a warning sign that the financial troubles that brought Puerto Rico to its knees could soon spread. All of America's far-flung territories, among them American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, appear vulnerable.

"I don't think you can say it's a crisis, but they have challenges—high debt, weak economies and unfunded pensions," said Jim Millstein, whose firm, Millstein & Company, advised Puerto Rico on its economic affairs and debt restructuring until this year and has reviewed the situation in Guam and the Virgin Islands. He called the combination of challenges in the territories "a recipe for trouble in the future."

For decades, these distant clusters of islands in the Caribbean and the Pacific have played critical roles as American listening posts, wartime staging grounds, practice bombing ranges and even re-entry points for astronauts splashing down in the Pacific.

The military presence buoyed their small economies, and a federal tax subsidy made it relatively easy for them to issue bonds. Over the years, they have collectively borrowed billions of dollars to build roads, run schools, treat drinking water and fund hospitals.

Congress has generally re-



An abandoned house is defaced with graffiti in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Families across Puerto Rico are moving in with relatives, becoming homeless or simply fleeing to the U.S. mainland with destroyed credit records as the island's government struggles to restructure a portion of its \$73 billion public debt and help the economy emerge from a decade-long recession.

lied on the Government Accountability Office to monitor the financial health of the territories, but it did not intervene over the years when the auditors brought back reports of "formidable fiscal challenges" or "serious internal control weaknesses" on the islands. Not, at least, until Puerto Rico went over the edge.

Now the G.A.O. auditors are back, re-examining the debt and repayment ability of each territory, amid concerns that other crushing debt burdens may have escaped notice. An agency spokesman, Fuller O. Griffith, said it would report by the end of the year on "federal options to avert the future indebtedness of territories." It is not clear what those options will be.

"Washington can't appropriately manage its relationship with the states, much less the territories," said Matt Fabian, a partner at Municipal Market Analytics.

Even the states are not immune, despite their legal status as sovereigns. Illinois, stuck in political gridlock, is just days from entering its new fiscal year without a balanced budget, in violation of its own constitution. The ratings agencies warn that Illinois's bond rating is in peril of being downgraded to junk. Once that happens, as the territories show, hedge funds move in and economic management becomes a series of unpleasant choices.

American Samoa, one of the smallest territories, lost one of the biggest engines of its economy in December when a big tuna cannery closed after being required to pay the federal minimum wage. Moody's Investors Service then put the territory's debt under negative outlook, citing

its fragile economy.

In the Northern Mariana Islands, the depleted public pension fund was wreaking such fiscal havoc in 2012 that the territory declared it bankrupt, but the case was thrown out. The government then tried cutting all retirees' pensions 25 percent, but the retirees have been fighting the cuts, and the fund is nearly exhausted anyway.

Even Guam, which enjoys the economic benefit of several large American military installations, has been having qualms about its debt after Puerto Rico's default.

"Puerto Rico's troubles provide a teachable moment for Guam," said Benjamin Cruz, the speaker of the legislature, who recently helped defeat a proposal to borrow \$75 million to pay tax refunds. "Spending borrowed money is too easy."

But the debt dilemma is now most acute in the Virgin Islands—the three main islands are St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John—where the government has been struggling ever since a giant refinery closed in 2012, wiping out the territory's biggest nongovernment employer and a mainstay of its tax base.

Its troubles began to snowball last July, when Puerto Rico defaulted on most of its debts.

In August, Fitch downgraded the Virgin Islands' debt to junk, citing the territory's chronic budget deficits and habit of borrowing to plug the holes, like Puerto Rico.

More downgrades followed, and in December, Standard & Poor's dealt the territory a rare "superdowngrade"—seven notches in one fell swoop—leaving it squarely in the junk-bond realm. That

scared away investors and forced it to cancel a planned bond offering in January.

The failed bond deal meant there was not enough cash to pay for basic government operations in February or March. As a stopgap, the territory diverted its workers' pension contributions.

The Virgin Islands' governor, Kenneth E. Mapp, said he had no intention of defaulting on any bonds.

"I didn't ask anybody for debt relief, so don't put me in the debt-relief boat," Mr. Mapp said in an interview at Government House, the ornate seat of the territorial government, perched on a hillside overlooking the lush palms and bougainvillea of the capital, Charlotte Amalie, on St. Thomas.

Still, Mr. Mapp is contending with many of the same problems that proved too much for Puerto Rico, driving it in May to seek bankruptcylike protection under a new law for insolvent territories, known as Promesa. Puerto Rico is now embroiled in heated negotiations over how to reduce its roughly \$123 billion in debts and unfunded pensions.

When Congress drafted the Promesa law last year, it made it possible for the other American territories to seek the same kind of help.

Now, even though the Virgin Islands maintains it has no intention of defaulting on its debts—and has even given creditors new protections—the mere prospect of bankruptcy has spooked the markets, putting borrowed money beyond the territory's reach and greatly limiting its options.

In something of a self-fulfilling prophecy, by giving

territories the option to declare bankruptcy, Congress seems to have made such an outcome more likely.

"That innocuous provision, when sent to the bond market, said, 'Here's an escape valve for your debt obligations," Mr. Mapp said. "That changed the whole paradigm."

The problem is that in Puerto Rico, Promesa is turning out to shred the many legal mechanisms that governmental borrowers use to make their debts secure. These include liens and allowing creditors access to the courts.

"Under Promesa, all the security structures are dissolving," Mr. Fabian said.

Investors who thought they were secured creditors before now find themselves holding moral obligation pledges, which are not enforceable.

After the Virgin Islands' bond offer fell through in January, the fuel supplier to its electric authority stopped shipments, saying it had not been paid; the authority was already in court with its previous fuel supplier, which had not been paid either.

Then came the House of Representatives' plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Mapp saw the federal money that the Virgin Islands relies on for its public hospitals going up in smoke.

Mr. Mapp scrambled. He reactivated a five-year economic plan that had been languishing and pushed higher taxes on alcohol, cigarettes and soft drinks through the legislature. He fought for a permanent electric rate increase. He got \$18 million in new federal funds for health care. He struck a deal to tax Airbnb rentals.

He hired collection agents

to go after delinquent property and income taxes. He scheduled auctions for delinquent properties. He hired a team to work on the pension system, which is in severe distress, with only about six years' worth of assets left.

Until recently, the pension system was chasing high returns by investing in highrisk assets, like a \$50 million placement in life viaticals—an insurance play that is, in effect, a bet that a selected group of elderly people will die soon. It also made loans to an insolvent inter-island airline, a resort that went bankrupt, and a major franchisee of KFC restaurants. The territory's inspector general has declared the loans illegal.

Mr. Mapp said he hoped to start restructuring the pension system in the fall. Already, he said, the government had stopped diverting the workers' pension contributions, as residents began filing their tax returns and payments in April. The tax payments eased the immediate liquidity crisis.

Recently, he met with the Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, to discuss possible incentives to attract tech business to the Virgin Islands. And he hopes to return to the capital markets.

"The fact that we didn't complete the sale in January gives the impression that our market access is constrained," said Valdamier O. Collens, the territorial finance commissioner.

Investors have nothing to worry about, the governor said. For decades, the Virgin Islands has used a lockbox arrangement that makes default all but impossible.

Merchants collect sales taxes and send the money to a trustee for the bondholders. Not a cent goes to the territorial government, including the pension fund, until the bond trustee gets enough to make all scheduled bond payments for the coming year.

"We have no access to the moneys before the bondholders are paid," Mr. Mapp said. "These moneys are taken out of the pie before the pie is even in the oven. Our debt has never been in jeopardy."

But in Puerto Rico, such lockbox arrangements have turned out to be one of the thorniest disputes of the bankruptcy proceedings. And Mr. Collens, the finance commissioner, is all too aware that the same dynamic could upend the Virgin Islands, too.

"We know that there has been a contagion effect with Puerto Rico," Mr. Collens said. "The market saw that by the stroke of a pen, Congress could create a Promesa for the rest of the territories." 14 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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Promised college loan forgiveness, borrowers wait and wait

BOSTON (AP)—Danielle Ramos' student-debt night-mare was supposed to be over.

Like thousands of others who studied at failed for-profit colleges, she was promised by the U.S. Education Department under President Barack Obama that her federal loans would be forgiven by now. But as the weeks tick by with no reprieve, the 30-year-old college student fears the financial burden will force and her 4-year-old son to move back with her parents.

"I'm a single mom, so that's really scary," said Ramos, of Framingham, near Boston. "It's just a lot of uncertainty. I'm probably going to have to rely on family to help me, and it doesn't feel fair."

Borrower advocates say the pipeline to loan forgiveness appears to have slowed significantly since President Donald Trump took office, stirring concern that some students may be left in the lurch. Some also see it as a sign that the department is veering from its predecessor's years of work to rein in fraudulent for-profit colleges.

Education Department officials dispute those claims,



In this June 16, 2017, photo, Danielle Ramos, 30, poses at MassBay Community College in Wellesley, Mass., where she pursued her education after being defrauded by a for-profit college.

saying they're working quickly to clear a backlog that was inherited from the previous administration.

When Obama left office,

16,453 borrowers were waiting for loan cancellations that had already been approved, and more than 64,000 others had filed new applications.

For months, advocates say, it appeared few or none of those cases were being processed. Lawmakers from both political parties requested an update

from the Education Department in May but say they received no response.

On Monday, the Educa-

tion Department released data showing that 7,085 of the 16,453 previously approved claims have now been discharged, amounting to \$92 million in loans. According to the data, which were provided first to The Associated Press, another 7,300 cases are in the final stages of the process and will be discharged shortly, while the remaining 2,000 are currently being processed by the department.

Still, the wait has left some borrowers paying for loans that were promised to be wiped clean by now, and some have lost wages and tax returns to debt collectors.

Ramos ran up \$15,000 in debt to attend the American Career Institute, a chain of for-profit colleges that abruptly closed in 2013 after she received nine months of training as a medical assistant. Now enrolled at Mass-Bay Community College and working toward a certificate in surgical technology, Ramos says she hasn't heard any update on her debt cancellation and worries she'll still have to pay it back.

Bankrupt company's air bags still out there

By TOM KRISHER, DEE-ANN
DURBIN and MARI YAMAGUCHI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Takata's lethally defective air bags proved to be the company's undoing Monday. But it could take years to get the dangerous devices off the road in the U.S. and around the world.

Crushed by lawsuits, fines and recall costs, the Japanese auto parts supplier filed for bankruptcy in Tokyo and Delaware and will sell most of its assets for \$1.6 billion to a rival company. A small part of Takata will continue to manufacture replacements for the faulty air bag inflators.

The problem, though, is that 100 million of the Takata inflators worldwide have been recalled, 69 million in the U.S. alone in the biggest automotive recall in American history. It will take the industry years to produce that many replacements.

In the meantime, millions of car owners are forced to nervously wait for someone to fix a problem blamed for at least 16 grisly deaths worldwide, 11 of them in the United States. Many owners have been put on waiting lists by their dealers until the parts arrive.

"The big problem is the air bags are still out there. They're

like bombs waiting to explode," said Billie-Marie Morrison, the lawyer for a young Las Vegas woman grievously injured by an exploding air bag in March.

In fact, the last batch of U.S. repairs is not scheduled to begin until September 2020, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is overseeing the recall.

"I don't think I have any options," lamented Marv Muller, the owner of a 2009 Subaru Impreza. "It's really bad."

Muller, a recruiter in New York, received a letter in January saying his car needed to have its passenger air bag repaired. He contacted a Subaru dealer, only to be told it didn't have the parts.

He was put on a waiting list and told he would have his car repaired in June. It hasn't happened yet.

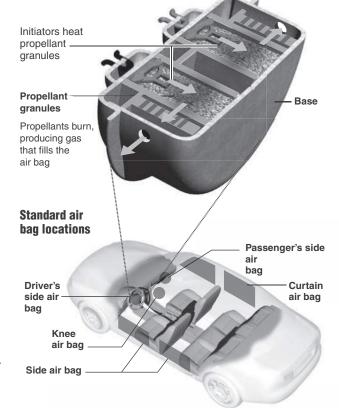
In the U.S., more than 16 million inflators have been repaired so far, or 38 percent of the total. In Japan, 70 percent have been replaced, according to Takata. That's partly because Japan won't renew vehicle registrations unless recalls have been completed.

Because of the type of chemical propellant used by Takata, the defective air bags can inflate with too much

The Takata problem

Because of age and exposure to humidity, the propellant that inflates the air bags burns at too powerful a rate. That can cause the inflator's casing to rupture, sending shrapnel flying at the occupants.

The inflator assembly is in the steering wheel, behind the air bag. The chemical reaction that inflates the air bag takes place inside.



Note: Not all air bags contain faulty propellant Source: Los Angeles Times reporting

force and spew deadly shrapnel at drivers and passengers. Takata sold the inflators to 19 automakers, including Toyota, Subaru, BMW, Honda, Ford Graphic: Los Angeles Times/TNS

Takata's bankruptcy filing clears the way for most of its assets to be taken over by Key Safety Systems, a Chineseowned company based in suburban Detroit.

Budget office: Senate health bill adds 22M to uninsured

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Republican health care bill would leave 22 million more Americans uninsured in 2026 than under President Barack Obama's health care law, the Congressional Budget Office estimated Monday, complicating GOP leaders' hopes of pushing the plan through the chamber this week.

Minutes after the report's release, three GOP senators threatened to oppose a pivotal vote on the proposal this week, enough to sink it unless Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., can win over some of them or other GOP critics. The bill will fail if just three of the 52 Republican senators oppose it, an event that would deal a humiliating blow to President Donald Trump and Senate leaders.

The 22 million additional people without coverage is just a hair better than the 23 million who'd be left without insurance under the measure the House approved last month, the budget office has estimated. Trump has called the House version approved last month "mean" and told Senate Republicans to approve legislation with more "heart."

In good news for the GOP, the budget office said the Senate bill would cut the deficit by \$202 billion more over the coming decade than the House version. Senate leaders could use some of those savings to attract moderate support by making Medicaid and other provisions in their measure more generous, though conservatives would prefer using that money to reduce federal deficits.

The White House lambasted the nonpartisan budget office in a statement, saying it has a "history of inaccuracy" projecting coverage. Democrats said the report confirmed their own analysis of the GOP measure.

"This bill is every bit as mean as the House bill," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

Of the 22 million without coverage by 2026 under the Senate plan, 15 million would be without it next year, the budget office said. That could be a particular concern to moderate Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., who faces perhaps the toughest 2018 re-election race of any Senate Republican and has said he can't support the measure if huge numbers of people lose coverage.

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In defense, Trump seeks to redefine meaning of obstruction

WASHINGTON President Donald Trump unleashed a series of tweets Monday in which he tried to place the blame for Russian meddling in U.S. politics on former President Barack Obama and deflect charges of obstruction and collusion onto his predecessor.

Trump wrote that Obama did "NOTHING about Russia after being notified by the CIA of meddling" because he expected Hillary Clinton to win. Trump added that Obama "didn't 'choke,' he colluded or obstructed."

Trump, who has a long history of deflecting criticism from himself to others, seemed to be trying to redefine what it means to collude or obstruct as he pushed back against an investigation into whether Trump's own team colluded with Russian officials during the campaign and transition.

Trump appeared to be referencing a Washington Post story about the Obama administration's handling of Russia's attempts to influence voters in which some officials questioned whether the president had done enough to stop Russian meddling in the 2016 election. Obama ordered a review of Russia's actions and imposed new sanctions after the election.

Meanwhile, Trump's sonin-law, Jared Kushner, revealed through his attorney that he has turned to a prominent defense lawyer, Abbe Lowell, to represent him in Russia-related investigations.

Kushner's attorney, Jamie Gorelick, said in a statement



In this Nov. 20, 2016, file photo U.S. President Barack Obama, left, talks with Russia's President Vladimir Putin, center, and Kremlin foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov at the opening session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in Lima, Peru.

that Kushner sought independent advice on whether to stay with her law firm, Wilmer-Hale, after the appointment of former FBI Director Robert Mueller as special counsel in the investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign.

Mueller left the firm to take the special counsel position and took several colleagues with him. The firm's lawyers also represent former campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

Lowell won the acquittal of former Sen. John Edwards in a campaign finance prosecution in North Carolina and currently represents New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez in a corruption case that's pending trial.

As president, Trump has frequently disparaged the Russia probe as a "witch hunt" promoted by Democrats. Monday's tweets appeared aimed at delegitimizing some of the allegations frequently hurled at him by his political opponents.

He tweeted that after months of reviewing Russia "under a magnifying glass, they have zero 'tapes' of T people colluding. There is no collusion & no obstruction. I should be given apology!"

During his presidential campaign, Trump frequently sought to muddy some of the criticism raised by his opponents. When rival Clinton argued he was unfit to hold office, Trump pointed to Sen. Bernie Sanders' primary campaign assertions that Clinton lacked judgment. When Trump faced scrutiny over his vulgar comments in a 2005 video, he sought to revive allegations of sexual impropriety against former President Bill Clinton.

Wayne Fields, a Washington University professor who has studied political rhetoric, said Trump appeared to be co-opting terms like collusion and obstruction as part of a

Poll: Scant global confidence in Trump on foreign affairs

WASHINGTON (AP)— The reviews from around the globe are in and they show scant confidence outside the United States in President Donald Trump's ability to do the right thing on international affairs, with fewer than 3 in 10 respondents expressing confidence, according to a Pew Research Center survey of attitudes toward Trump in more than three dozen countries.

Most of those surveyed also disapprove of Trump's major policies, including his promise to erect a physical wall along the border between the U.S. and Mexico, and temporarily halting travel from six mostly Muslim countries.

In terms of personal traits, more than half see the U.S. president as a strong leader, but that positive view is outweighed by larger majorities who describe the real estate developer and former reality TV star as arrogant, intolerant or dangerous.

Among the 37 countries Pew surveyed, Trump scored higher marks than his predecessor, President Barack Obama, in two: Russia and Israel.

Pew has produced this survey annually since 2002, starting with the first term of George W. Bush. The edition released late Monday is the first conducted since Trump took office in January.

According to the survey, a median of 22 percent across all the countries surveyed expressed confidence that Trump will do the right thing when it comes to international affairs. That means that if the results from each country are ranked in order, 22 percent is the midpoint, with the percentage expressing confidence in Trump falling above or below that point in equal numbers of countries.

The 22 percent rating marks a steep drop from the closing vears of Obama's presidency, when a median of 64 per-

cent expressed confidence in Obama' ability to direct America's role in the world.

Trump's largest base of support comes from Filipinos, 69 percent of whom say they have confidence in him. Nations in which more than half of the public offers positive opinions of Trump include Nigeria and Vietnam, 58 percent each; Israel, 56 percent and Russia, 53 percent.

The results are based on telephone and face-to-face interviews conducted among 40,447 respondents in 37 countries in all regions of the world between Feb. 16 and May 8.

Bush's ratings fell after the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003 and never fully recovered in some countries. Across 26 nations that Pew surveyed near the end of Bush's term, a median of only 27 percent had confidence in Bush's ability to handle international affairs.

Ratings for America's president rose in 2009 after Obama took office. There was a dip in confidence in some countries that coincided with Obama's increased use of drone strikes and a National Security Agency spying scandal, but Obama enjoyed a median confidence rating of 64 percent across 37 countries surveyed near the end of his second term.

The survey found widespread disapproval of some of Trump's major policies. The promised U.S.-Mexico border wall is opposed by a median of 76 percent across the 37 countries, rising to 94 percent

More than 7 in 10 disagree with Trump's proposals to pull the U.S. out of a landmark climate change agreement and withdraw from multinational trade deals such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Trump has pulled the U.S. out of both agreements, although the survey was conducted before his June 2 announcement on exiting the Paris climate accord.

Democrats larger strategy to "invalidate" some of the arguments made against him.

Republicans

Independents

Putin's image worsens

Americans' favorable ratings of Vladimir Putin, by party

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"You take words and you do everything you can to make them meaningless. You take any kind of precision out of public discourse so it can't be used against you," Fields said.

Peter Henning, a law professor at Wayne State University in Detroit who has written about public corruption, said Trump appeared to be taking the term "obstruction," which means impeding an investigation, and applying it to a decision by his predecessor not to pursue an investigation as vigorously as possible.

24%

32%

"Inaction is not an obstruction, but of course it has some potency as a political attack," Henning said.

Asked about the comments, White House press secretary Sean Spicer told reporters there were "some serious questions" about what the Obama administration "did or did not do in terms of acting" after evidence of Russian meddling surfaced during the campaign.

US lawyer: US entitled to seize Irán-tainted skyscraper

NEW YORK (AP)—A U.S. government lawyer told jurors Monday that a monthlong trial has revealed the secret longtime owner of a Manhattan skyscraper: Iran.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Lockard expressed confidence that the government had proven through witness testimony, documents and other evidence in Manhattan federal court that the Alavi Foundation must give up its 60 percent stake in the 36-story office tower near Rockefeller Center.

He said Iran's secret ownership of the building and Alavi's complicity in a conspiracy to hide what was really going on has violated sanctions imposed by the U.S. against Iran for the last 22 years.

'You've seen that secret laid bare," Lockard said.

But attorney John Gleeson, representing Alavi, belittled the government's certainty over the building's history when he took his turn before the jury.

He said the U.S. government launched a biased investigation of Alavi from the start with conclusions reached well before it had collected the facts.

It was certain that Alavi had violated sanctions against Iran that were imposed in 1995, Gleeson said.

Anyone who disputed that scenario "was not telling the truth," he said the government concluded.

"Blend everything together, paint everything, everyone, with the same brush," Gleeson said of the government's ap-

As early as Tuesday, the jury will begin deciding whether Alavi violated sanctions and if it did, whether it must surrender all, some or none of its stake in the skyscraper.

A large but mostly silent presence in the courtroom are lawyers representing victims of terrorism, including the estates of victims killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The U.S. government plans to turn over proceeds from a sale of the building and other properties to holders of more than \$5 billion in terrorismrelated judgments against the government of Iran.

The government also is seeking the forfeiture of buildings in Houston; Carmichael, California; Catharpin, Virginia; and Rockville, Maryland, that are owned by the foundation, which was formed in the 1970s by then Iranian leader Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, who was overthrown in 1979.

Gleeson has said the Alavi Foundation's charity has spent millions of dollars over several decades to promote the history and culture of Iran, including through the Islamic Institute of New York and a high school in Queens attended by 300 students from 30 countries.

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Asia

Medical parole for China's jailed Nobel Peace laureate

BEIJING (AP)—Imprisoned Chinese Nobel Peace Prize laureate and dissident Liu Xiaobo has been transferred to a hospital after being diagnosed with late-stage liver cancer, authorities and his friends say.

The deteriorating health of China's best-known political prisoner was immediately met with dismay and anger by the country's beleaguered community of rights activists and lawyers, who called it a blow to the democracy movement.

Liu, 61, is receiving treatment at a hospital in the northeastern city of Shenyang, lawyer Mo Shaoping told The Associated Press. Liu was diagnosed on May 23, and prison authorities in a statement said Liu was granted a medical parole and placed in the care of cancer experts, although it was not clear exactly when he was transferred to the hospital.

His cancer appears to be severe. "No surgery, no radiation, and no chemotherapy will do," a sobbing Liu Xia, his wife, said in a video phone call recorded on a cell phone. The clip has been shared in circles of supporters and verified by the couple's friends, who said she was at the hospital.

Liu's supporters and international human rights advocates are urging China to provide the best care to Liu and allow him to seek medical treatments abroad.

"The Chinese government's culpability for wrongfully imprisoning Liu Xiaobo is deepened by the fact that they released him only when he be-

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In this Dec. 6, 2012 file photo, Liu Xia, wife of 2010 Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo, poses with a photo of her and her husband during an interview at her home in Beijing.

came gravely ill," said Sophie Richardson, China director at New York-based Human Rights Watch, in a statement. "The government should immediately allow Liu Xiaobo and his wife, Liu Xia, to seek proper treatment wherever they wish."

Liu, a literary critic and China's most prominent democracy campaigner, was sentenced to 11 years in prison in 2009 after being convicted of inciting state subversion for writ-

ing and disseminating Charter '08, a manifesto calling for an end to single-party rule.

The following year, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize by a Norway-based Nobel committee, which cheered China's fractured, persecuted dissident community and brought calls from the U.S., Germany and others for Liu's release, but also infuriated Beijing. In April, Beijing finally normalized relations with Oslo after a six-year hiatus.

Second landslide
hits stricken site in
southwest China

BEIJING (AP)—A second

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landslide has struck the village in southwest China where rescue workers have been looking for nearly 100 people buried over the weekend by a massive wave of rocks and debris. Chinese state radio says the latest landslide struck the village of Xinmo in Sichuan province at around 11 a.m. Tuesday. Government teams were ordered to evacuate the site on Monday after radar detected shifts in the mountain, signaling another imminent collapse. While no further casualties were reported, the

second landslide sets back rescue teams searching for 93 people missing since early Saturday, when rugged mountains flanking the village gave away and buried its roughly 100 residents. Before rescue work stopped Monday, only three people had been rescued from the site and 10 bodies had been recovered.

PNG votes with corruption and economic woes key

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Papua New Guinea voters are going to the polls in elections dominated by corruption allegations hanging over their prime minister and

the South Pacific island nation's deepening economic woes. Voting started Saturday and will continue until July 8 through a complex exercise safeguarded by police and soldiers in a rugged country where few roads penetrate a mountainous jungle interior, and where allegations of corruption and violence often mar elections. Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported that voting in the capital, Port Moresby, was postponed Tuesday until Friday because polling officials went on strike due to pay issues. ABC also reported that scrutineers in many parts of the country were reporting problems with the electoral roll and the distribution of ballot papers.

World

Brazil's crisis deepens

>> AG accuses president of corruption

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— Brazil's attorney general formally accused President Michel Temer of corruption on Monday, making him the first sitting president in Latin America's largest nation to face criminal charges.

Attorney General Rodrigo Janot's accusation is the latest salvo in an intensifying showdown between Temer and justice officials who are building a corruption case that reaches to the highest levels.

The case now goes to the lower Chamber of Deputies in Congress, which must decide whether it has merit. If two-thirds of the legislature decides that it does, then the president will be suspended for up to 180 days while a trial is conducted. House Speaker Rodrigo Maia, an ally of Temer, would be president in the interim.

In his decision, Janot said that Temer at some point between March and April of this year took a bribe of around \$150,000 offered by Joesly Batista, former chairman of meat-packing giant JBS.

Janot opened an investigation last month into Temer for corruption, obstruction of justice and being part of a criminal organization. A recording emerged that apparently captured Temer, in a late-night conversation with Batista earlier this year, endorsing hush money to former House Speaker Eduardo Cunha, a former Temer ally who is serving a 15-year sentence for corruption. Batista reached a plea agreement with federal prosecutors.

Temer has denied wrong-

doing and said he refuses to resign despite numerous calls for him to do so and plunging popularity. The office of the presidency said it would not have comment Monday night.

Janot's decision to put forward only the corruption allegation may be a strategy to force the lower Chamber of Deputies to first deal with it before having to consider the other allegations.

Allies of Temer have been torn between whether to continue supporting the beleaguered leader or bail on him because of fears that association could be toxic during elections next year.

Janot's 64-page decision was a blistering assessment of Temer and his actions as Brazil's top leader. Janot said bribes to Temer could have reached about \$12 million over nine months, and that in general Temer showed a total disregard for the office.

"The circumstances of this meeting (with Batista)—at night and without any register in the official schedule of the president of the Republic—reveal the intent of not leaving traces of the criminal actions already taken," wrote Janot.

Earlier Monday, Temer sought to show his government conducting business as usual, defiantly saying he wasn't going anywhere in his first comments since returning from a trip to Russia and Norway last week that was filled with gaffes and mounting bad news.

"Nothing will destroy us. Not me and not our ministers," he said during the ceremonial signing of a bill in the capital of Brasilia.

Despite the optimism, Temer is facing risks to his mandate on several fronts, from tanking popularity to numerous calls, including from heavyweight politicians, for him to step down.

His trip last week to Russia and Norway ended up underscoring the president's problems and Brazil's diminished stature overseas thanks to a steady stream of corruption scandals the last three years.

Few people showed up at the reception at Brazil's embassy in Moscow, no top Norwegian officials welcomed Temer at Oslo's airport and the country's prime minister, Erna Solberg, gave Temer a public lecture about the colossal "Car Wash" investigation that has upended Brazilian politics and could even jail Temer and several of his Cabinet ministers.

Launched in March 2014, the investigation into billions of dollars in inflated construction contracts and kickbacks to politicians has landed dozens of the country's elite in jail and threatens many more.

"We are very concerned about the 'Car Wash' probe," said Solberg, adding that it was important for Brazil to "clean up" corruption.

To top it off, during Temer's visit, Norway announced a 50 percent cut in funds it pays into Brazil's Amazon rainforest fund because of increased deforestation. The increased deforestation began before Temer took power last year, but environmentalists argue his policies are aggravating the situation.

WORLD BRIEFS

Top Russian and US diplomats discuss cease-fire for Syria

MOSCOW (AP)—The top diplomats of Russia and the United States have focused on the Syrian crisis in a phone call. The Russian Foreign Ministry says Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson talked Monday about the need to secure a cease-fire in Syria, fight extremist groups and to prevent the use of chemical weapons. It added that Lavrov "urged Washington to take steps to prevent provocations against Syrian government forces

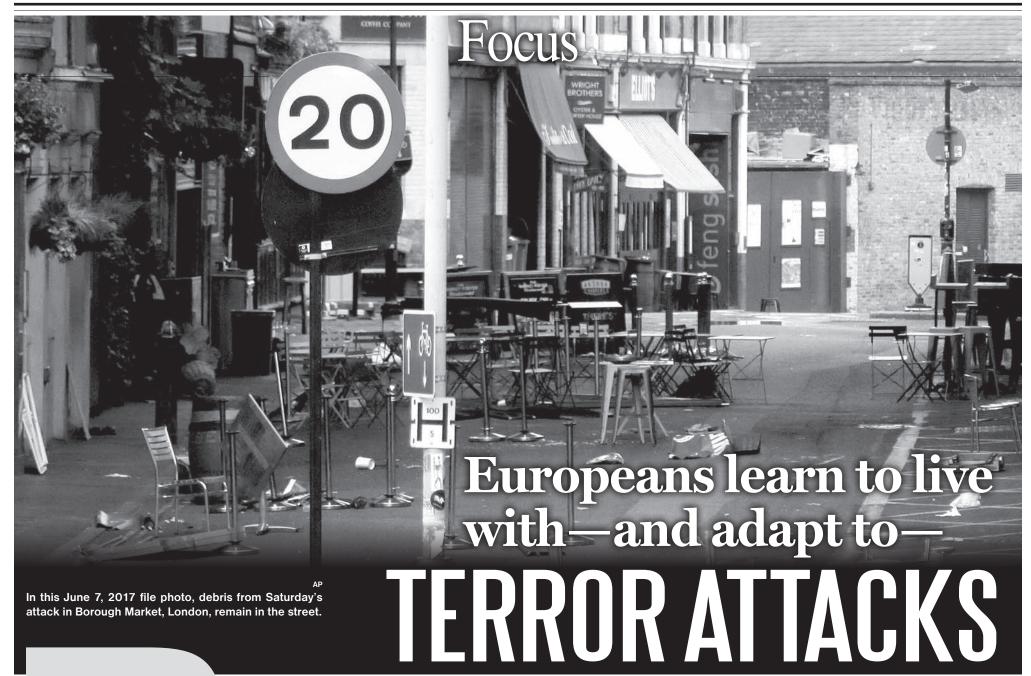
battling terrorists." Moscow reacted angrily when the U.S. downed a Syrian jet last week after it dropped bombs near the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces conducting operations against the Islamic State group. Russia warned its military would track aircraft from the U.S.-led coalition as potential targets over Syria and suspended a hotline intended to avoid mid-air incidents.

Israel: Projectile from Gaza lands in southern Israel

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military says a projec-

tile fired from the Gaza Strip has landed in southern Israel. The military said Monday the projectile fell in an open area and no one was hurt. The attack broke a period of relative calm and raised the possibility of Israeli retaliation. Israel holds Gaza's Hamas rulers responsible for all fire out of the seaside strip—even rockets launched by any of the various militant groups challenging Hamas. Israel and Hamas have fought three wars since the Islamic militant group took control of Gaza a decade ago, most recently in 2014. A cease-fire has largely held since then.

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By LORI HINNANT

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PARIS (AP)—The jihadis' targets in Europe are depressingly repetitive: the Brussels metro, the Champs-Elysees in Paris (twice), tourist-filled bridges in London (twice) and a U.K. rock concert. And that's just the past few months.

The steady stream of attacks on centers of daily life have drawn pledges from Europeans not to let terrorists change how they live, but in ways large and small they already have.

There is a heightened awareness and quicker reactions, especially in the hardesthit countries of France, Britain and Belgium, that would have seemed unthinkable just a few years ago.

In Brussels on Tuesday, a 36-year-old Moroccan man shouting "Allahu akbar!" set off a bomb among subway commuters. The bomb didn't detonate in full and a soldier shot him dead.

It was another Muslim, Mohamed Charfih, who demanded that the subway's doors be closed before the attacker could enter.

"I heard people on the platform shouting for help," he told the news site DH. He looked out and knew what he saw. "I screamed to close the doors immediately. I asked to get out of there as fast as possible and that everyone get down on the floor."

That reaction, blocking the door and fleeing, has become part of official instructions on what to do in case of an attack in France. Signs have been posted in public areas and even schools showing people running, ducking beneath a window, or using heavy furniture as a barricade.

Tensions are high enough in central Paris that on Thursday the quick-response police unit reacted to a witness' phone call about a man wearing a sidearm by tackling him on the street, only to learn that he was a ranking member of the anti-terrorism squad, according to French media.

In Britain, decades of IRA attacks prompted the installation of country-wide TV surveillance cameras—one of the most expansive systems in the world. Paris is quickly ramping up its own camera system, to the point where authorities were able this week to track the minute-by-minute path of the man who tried to attack a Champs-Elysee gendarme patrol until the moment he rammed their vehicle. The man died of burns and smoke inhalation—the only casualty of his act—but left behind a substantial arsenal.

Both Britain and France have installed barriers around airports, train stations and other public buildings in recent years. Since the Westminster bridge attack in March, however, talks are underway to



In this Nov. 13, 2015 file photo, a woman is evacuated from the Bataclan concert hall after a shooting in Paris.

install even more barriers on bridges and around crowded places such as London's Borough Market, where three attackers this month went on a stabbing rampage after crashing their vehicle on a busy street not far from London Bridge.

Echoing France, London's security authorities have issued advice to pubs and restaurants since the attacks with the message of "Run. Tell and Hide." The advice includes establishing whether the threat is inside or outside and not waiting for police to decide whether the venue should be locked down or evacuated.

Few British commuters have changed their habits. After suicide bombers in 2005 struck trains and buses during a busy London morning rush-hour, scores of commuters started riding bicycles to work. That method of transport has its own problems in London — with the number of annual cyclist deaths a rising concern.

Three of the four recent attacks, however, have involved the use of a vehicle as a weapon—much like the deadly 2016 Nice attack in France that killed 87 people.

"I suppose I could try taking a boat to work, but before long I'm sure they would at-

tack those too. So I'm just taking my chances," said Rohan Chansity, a 34-year-old finance worker in London.

Parents and teachers are talking to children more about being observant—a skill often lost on a gadgetobsessed generation.

A suicide bomber blew himself up last month at Manchester Arena, killing 22 people, mostly young concert-goers.

"We talk about being observant, looking for exits, making sure you're around a responsible crowd—but in the end, it's not like I'm going to keep her from going to concerts," said Moira Campbell, 45, who has a 15-year-old daughter.

Tourists, too, say they are aware of potential dangers but have refused to be cowed.

Dave Howland, who traveled from New Hampshire to London with his youngest son a few days before the Borough Market attack, said he was conscious of the threat when he went to Shakespeare's Globe theatre, a round wooden venue in the Borough Market area.

"I looked around and didn't see exit signs," the 47-year-old English teacher said. "But then I looked around and saw this performance and that people were celebrating life. So I thought, we're going to enjoy the moment. London is an incredible city, and life is too short not to enjoy everything you can."

The latest would-be assailant on the Champs-Elysees had an arsenal of firearms in both his car and at home, and France's anti-terrorism prosecutor said a disaster was averted only by sheer luck. It was the second attack in less than two months on the famous avenue.

Still, tourists and Parisians flock to the Champs-Elysees, watched over by camouflaged soldiers carrying automatic rifles. And in Brussels, the day after the fizzled metro bombing, the headlines focused on how to cope with the recent heat wave.

The weather, it seems, is not going away—just like the jihadi threats.

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Good Housekeeping

here isn't a blade of grass PICKLES AND JAMS: on Mette Nielsen's south Minneapolis lot. Not one. Instead, edible plants fill every nook and cranny on her own 40-foot-

Nordic approach offers easy, modern recipes for busy cooks

By LEE SVITAK DEAN

>> A new cookbook offers a perspective from a master gardener's backyard



An assortment of pickled vegetables from "Savory Sweet."

dark spots to store food. And then kitchen at harvest time. there are cooks who are afraid of the concept of canning and what they consider to be risks if proper methods are not used. (That would be the "B" word, as in botulism, not a concern with this process.) Instead, this preservation process

wide Garden of Eden, in

the form of berries and

fruit trees that speak to

Nielsen, a master gardener who loves to cook.

That includes — but

who's counting? — 30 fruit bushes

(red, white and black currants, blue-

berries and raspberries, aronia ber-

ries, serviceberries, gooseberries,

rosehips, creeping cranberries and

more) and 16 rhubarb plants. Then there are the fruit trees — crabapple,

quince, plum, cherry. And the garlic,

asparagus and herbs, some starting to

When you have that much pro-

duce, you need to know what to do

with it. For years, Nielsen has experi-

mented with preserving summer's

bounty. Now she and Beth Dooley,

longtime cookbook collaborators,

have joined forces to show us, in their Nordic-inspired "Savory Sweet,

Simple Preserves From a Northern

Kitchen (University of Minnesota,

And as for backyard gardens?

"Don't grow ornamentals; grow edibles," Nielsen advises in a serious

voice. Or at least as serious as this

effervescent Dane with the gentle

She and Dooley advocate a different kind of preserving, one that relies

"There's nothing wrong with past

books on preserving," Nielsen said as

she offered a taste test of recipes from

the book (think Tart Cherry Compote

With Ginger, Fennel and Bay Leaves, or Coarse Grain Chili Mustard, or

Rustic Cranberry Strawberry Jam

With Lime and Vanilla, and yes, they

are as good — and beautiful — as

But those older techniques often

Times have changed. So should

"We all have refrigerators, and we

Today many cooks live in small

spaces. Most of us don't have cool,

involves small batches with everyday equipment, prepared with vinegar or

sugar, that make use of cold tempera-

tures to keep them safe. These are not

shelf-stable condiments. The bonus:

easy and forgiving recipes that allow

Another benefit, say the authors,

who speak with the enthusiasm of

evangelists, is that you can do the

pickling and jam-making when it's

convenient, which doesn't have to be

on a steamy August afternoon in the

for creativity.

all have freezers," said Nielsen.

used a waterbath canner or pressure

cooker, and took advantage of a cool

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on a refrigerator and freezer.

202 pages, \$24.95).

peek up from the soil now.

Nielsen grew up in Copenhagen, and Scandinavian traditions are evident in the recipes, from many of the spices to the preparation of savory preserves, such as those made with parsnips, squash and other vegetables.

A lot of her inspiration comes at what people do with with regular

As important in these recipes is

Nielsen's preference for less sugar, which she counters with herbs or an acid to offer depth of flavor. "I add a tablespoon of lime juice and, whoa, it comes to life," she said.

A sidenote on the cookbook itself: It's lovely. Nielsen has been a professional food photographer for 30-plus years, and her photos shine throughout the book, which features crisp, clean food styling from Abigail Wyckoff, and text and recipe collaboration from Dooley, a prolific author and columnist in the Taste section. The result is a contemporary collection of recipes based on Scandinavian practicality, a must-have for busy cooks.

Let's get started with the basics

for what is essentially a simple process for pickles and jams, chutneys and more.

Plan ahead. Read through the recipe before you begin as some have ingredient combinations that need to sit for several hours or overnight before being finished. Even a veteran cook (sigh) can overlook the critical words "Leave the covered bowl on the kitchen counter, out of direct sunlight, for 12 hours."

The right pan. Start with a 10inch sauté pan, which allows for evaporation. That's not the same as a saucepan, which has higher sides that will slow the process, which results in a longer time over the heat.

"Less cooking gives better taste,"

said Dooley. "And not using a waterbath helps, too, for flavor."

Reduce by half. Recipes often describe the evaporation process by saying "reduce by half." But how do you measure that? Nielsen uses what she calls the "dip stick test." She puts the end of a wooden spoon into the ingredients in the pan when she begins to cook them and lightly marks the spoon. As the ingredients cook down, she dips the spoon back into the mixture to see when it's about halfway reduced.

"It's a completely inaccurate method, but it's enough," Nielsen said with a laugh.

The Red Sea test. These recipes do not use pectin or a thermometer to determine when they are done. Instead, Nielsen recommends putting a small plate in the freezer as you begin the recipe. During the cooking process, when the jam seems almost ready, she drops a spoonful of it on the cold plate and returns it to the freezer for a couple of minutes. Then she drags her finger through the preserves. If the sides stay parted, it's ready. If they fill in, she cooks it down further or declares it a sauce, a perfectly acceptable solution, she notes.

Ready to preserve? Once you see how easy the process is, you'll be back for more.

Spicy Pickled Vegetables

Makes 3 to 4 pints (6 to 8 cups).

Note: Plan ahead as the vegetables need to be in a brine for 12 hours before you proceed. This is an updated — and spicy — twist on traditional piccalilli, the classic British mix of vegetables in yellow mustard sauce. Serve this on hot dogs, burgers, eggs or sliced cold meats. Use whatever vegetables you prefer, but keep the quantity of vegetables to about 2 pounds, the equivalent of 8 to 9 cups of cut-up vegetables. From "Savory Sweet," by Beth Dooley and Mette Nielsen.

- 6 c. water
- 1/2 c. salt (not canning salt)
- 1 1/2 c. coarsely chopped carrots (about 1/2 lb.)
- 2 c. coarsely chopped celeriac (also called celery root) (about 1/2
- 2 c. coarsely chopped onions (about 1/2 lb.)
- 3 c. small cauliflower florets (about 1/2 lb.)
 - 2 c. cider vinegal
 - 1/2 c. sugar
 - 2 tsp. sweet paprika
 - 2 tsp. curry powder
 - 2 tsp. mustard powder
 - 2 tsp. ground turmeric
 - 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch, stirred into a little cold water, optional

Directions

To prepare the vegetables: In large bowl, whisk together 6 cups water and the salt. As you cut the vegetables, drop them into the salt brine. Mix well, and cover. Leave the

Freeze that produce, they declare, until you have spare time. And don't be dependent on your own harvest. Reach for a bag of frozen strawberries at the supermarket to get your jams going in midwinter, if that's when the urge hits you.

from nonpreserving recipes. "I look cooking and see how it translates into preserving," she said.

Tips from the experts

covered bowl on the kitchen counter, out of direct sunlight, for 12 hours.

Drain vegetables in colander, and rinse them well under cold running water. Fill bowl with ice water. Set large pot of water over high heat, and bring the water to a boil. Blanch the vegetables until just tender-crisp, about 3 to 4 minutes, being careful they don't overcook. Drain vegetables and place them in the ice water to shock until cold. Drain vegetables, and place in a large bowl.

To prepare the sauce: In a medium saucepan, combine vinegar, sugar, paprika, curry powder, mustard powder, turmeric and cayenne. Set pan over medium-low heat, and bring to gentle boil. Whisk well to dissolve sugar and incorporate spices. Reduce heat and simmer about 5 minutes to blend flavors. If using cornstarch, whisk it in a little at a juice time to slightly thicken sauce. Pour sauce over vegetables, and toss to coat.

To assemble: Wash jars, lid and bands in very hot soapy water, rinse well and place upside down on clean towel to drain.

Divide vegetables among the jars. Press down to make the vegetables fit, if necessary. Leave a half-inch of headroom in each jar. Cover each jar with a square of wax paper slightly larger than the jar opening, fold in the corners with a clean spoon, and gently push so some of the sauce comes up over the wax paper. Wipe the rims with a clean wet cloth or paper towel, add the lids and bands, and lightly tighten the bands.

Label the jars. Cool completely, and tighten bands be-

together and sang a beautiful song.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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fore storing in the refrigerator. Let the pickled vegetables rest for a few days before eating, so the flavors marry. These will store well in the refrigerator for several months.

Minty Raspberry Jam

Makes about 4 half-pints (4

Note: Plan ahead as the ingredients need to macerate for at least 2 hours. Try using different varieties of mint. Chocolate, orange, pineapple mints all add their subtle notes. Use this jam to top a cheesecake or fill muffins or cupcakes. Whisk jam into frostings and whipped cream. From "Savory Sweet," by Beth Dooley and Mette Nielsen.

- 2 lb. raspberries (about
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 tbsp. minced fresh mint ■ 1 1/2 tbsp. fresh lemon
- 1 tbsp. finely grated lem-

Directions

Place raspberries in a 10-inch sauté pan, sprinkle the sugar, mint, lemon juice and zest over the berries, and gently stir everything together with a large spoon. Cover the pan, and macerate the fruit at room temperature for at least 2 hours or overnight. The sugar will draw the juices from the raspberries, yet they'll remain intact.

Put a small plate in the freezer for the set test. Uncover the pan, set it over medium heat, and bring to a gentle boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring carefully, until the mixture has thickened, about 10 to 12 minutes.

Remove the pan from the

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heat and do the set test: Put a spoonful of jam on the frozen plate and return it to the freezer for about 2 minutes. Remove and drag your finger through the center. If the mark doesn't fill back in, the jam is ready to spoon into jars. If the jam isn't thick enough, return the pan to the heat for a few minutes, then repeat the test.

Wash the jars, lids and bands in very hot soapy water, rinse well and place them upside down on a clean towel to drain.

Spoon jam into the jars, leaving a half inch of headroom to allow for expansion during freezing. Wipe rims with a clean wet cloth or paper towel, add the lids and bands, and lightly tighten the bands. Label the jars. Cool completely and tighten bands before storing the jars in the refrigerator or freezer.

Mint and Chili Sweet Pickled Rhubarb

Makes about 3 half-pints (3

Note: Finely dice the pickled rhubarb and toss into salsa, or serve over grilled pork or salmon. It also pairs well with soft cheeses and cured meat. From "Savory Sweet," by Beth Dooley and Mette Nielsen.

- 3/4 lb. rhubarb, cut diagonally into 3/4-in. pieces (about
- 3 sprigs fresh mint
- 6 wide bands of lime zest
- 1 c. cider vinegar
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 tsp. salt (not canning
- 1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes

Directions

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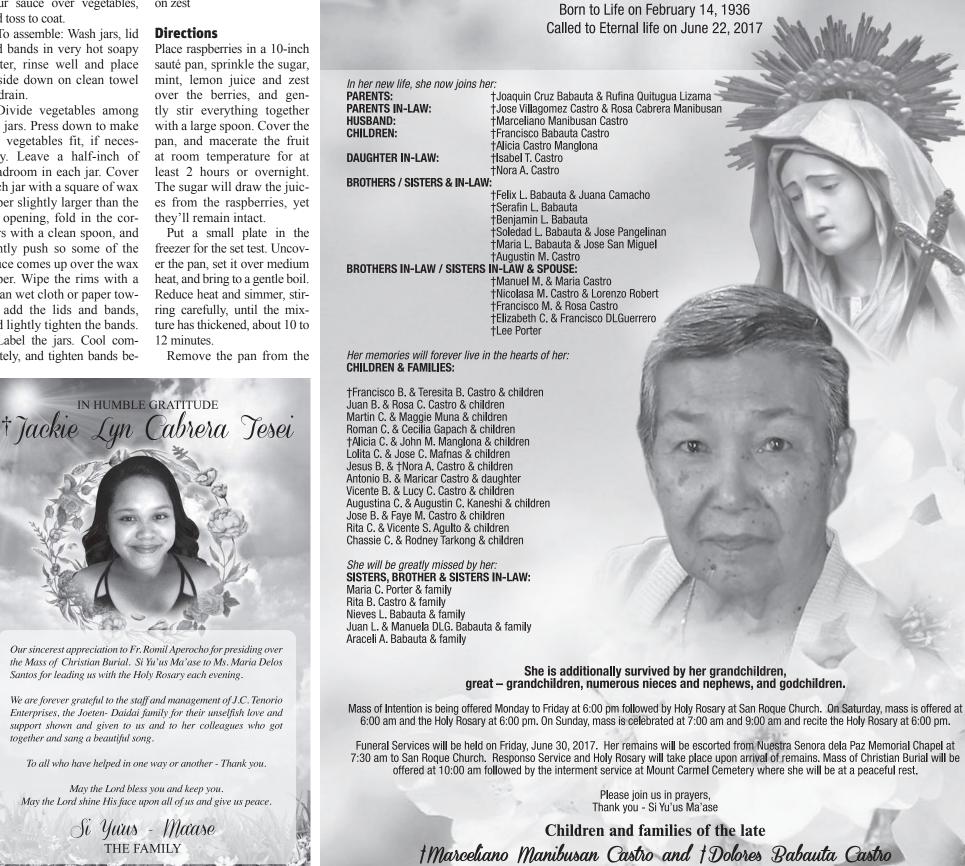
Wash jars, lids and bands in very hot soapy water, rinse well and place upside down on clean towel to drain.

Divide rhubarb among jars. Place 1 sprig of mint and 2 bands of lime zest in each jar. In small saucepan, bring

pletely and tighten the bands before storing the jars in the refrigerator.

vinegar, sugar, salt and crushed red pepper flakes to a simmer. Cook, stirring to dissolve sugar, about 3 to 4 minutes.

Divide liquid among jars. Cover each with a square of wax paper slightly larger than the jar opening, fold in the corners with a clean spoon and push down gently so some of the brine comes up over the wax paper. Wipe rims with a clean wet cloth or paper towel, add the lids and bands, and lightly tighten the bands. Label the jars. Cool com-



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Life & Style

CNN accepts resignations of 3 involved in retracted story



In this Jan. 13, 2017 file photo, Anthony Scaramucci, a senior adviser to President-elect Donald Trump, talks to reporters in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—CNN accepted the resignations Monday of three journalists involved in a retracted story about a supposed investigation into a preinaugural meeting between an associate of President Donald Trump and the head of a Russian investment fund.

The story was posted on the network's website on Thursday and was removed, with all links disabled, Friday night. CNN immediately apologized to Anthony Scaramucci, the Trump transition team member who was reported to be involved in the meeting.

The story's author, Thomas Frank, was among those who resigned, according to a network executive who requested anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss personnel issues. Also losing their jobs were Eric Lichtblau, an assistant managing editor in CNN's Washington bureau, and Lex Haris, head of the investigations unit.

CNN, in initially taking down the story, said it didn't meet its editorial standards. The episode is a damaging blow for a network that Trump has frequently derided as "fake news," and for a story that never even made it onto any of CNN's television networks.

The story had been quickly questioned both internally and externally, including by the conservative site Breitbart News. It was determined that the story was posted without going through the expected checks and balances for a story of such sensitivity, the executive said.

The failure to follow proper procedures is what led to the resignations, the CNN executive said.

It's not immediately clear what in the story is factually incorrect, or whether CNN will continue to report on the issue. The retracted story had said the Senate intelligence committee was looking into a January 16 discussion between Scaramucci and Kirill Dmitriev, whose Russian Direct Investment Fund guides investments by U.S. entities in Russia. Scaramucci, in the story, said he exchanged pleasantries in a restaurant with Dmitriev.

The report also said that two Democratic senators wanted to know whether Scaramucci had indicated in the meeting whether sanctions against Russia would be lifted, a decision that could impact the investment fund.

Following the retraction, Scaramucci tweeted that CNN "did the right thing. Classy move. Apology accepted. Everyone makes mistakes. Moving on."

Haris, in a statement to CNN's "Reliable Sources," noted that he'd been with CNN since 2001, "and am sure about one thing: This is a news organization that prizes accuracy and fairness above all else. I am leaving, but will carry those principles wherever I go."

U2 bassist thanks band for helping him through addiction

NEW YORK (AP)—U2 bassist Adam Clayton thanked his bandmates for their support during his treatment and recovery from alcohol abuse years ago, before joining them for a rollicking rendition of a few hits.

Clayton received an award Monday night at a Manhattan theater from MusiCares, a foundation that helps musicians get treatment for addiction.

Clayton spoke of how hard

it was to overcome his addiction, partly because he didn't think he could be in a rock band and not drink. He says he was convinced to get treatment by friends Eric Clapton and The Who's Pete Townshend. He also got crucial support from his own bandmates.

After performances by musicians including Macy Gray and The Lumineers, U2 played "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of," "Vertigo" and "I Will Follow."

President's media strategy creating friction

NEW YORK (AP—White House press secretary Sean Spicer's briefing with reporters turned testy on Monday, with CNN's Jim Acosta interrupting President Donald Trump's chief spokesman to demand he explain why television cameras were ordered off.

Trump's relations with the media-never strong to begin with—have taken another sour turn with dwindling opportunities for on-camera engagement with the president's representatives. The White House has appeared to adopt a communications strategy of dealing primarily with its base of supporters, as witnessed by Trump's two interviews in the past week with Fox News Channel's morning show, "Fox & Friends."

Spicer has been one of the most visible media personalities of 2017, with his near-daily briefings at the beginning of the administration lampooned memorably on "Saturday Night Live" by Melissa McCarthy. Lately, however, there's been less willingness to mix it up with reporters.



White House press secretary Sean Spicer points to a questioner during the daily news briefing at the White House in Washington, Monday, June 26, 2017.

Board members of the White House Correspondents Association met with Spicer on Monday and expressed the importance of Americans getting the chance to question leaders.

"We believe it is in the interest of transparency to have regular televised briefings," said Jeff Mason, a Reuters correspondent and president of the White House reporters' group. "We aren't satisfied with the current situation and won't be until it changes."

Shortly after the meeting, Spicer held an off-camera briefing. Television networks were allowed to record audio, but not air it live.

When a reporter noted there had been a "drastic shift" in the briefings starting around the time of Trump's foreign trip in late May, Spicer said "We'll continue to mix things up."

Spicer's answer prompted Acosta, CNN's senior White House correspondent, to interrupt and demand that Spicer "tell us why you turned the cameras off." Acosta had interrupted a reporter earlier in the briefing with a similar outburst.

"Why are they off, Sean?" Acosta said. "You are a tax-payer-funded spokesman for the United States government. Could you at least give us an explanation as to why the cameras are off?"

Spicer said "some days we'll have them" on camera, some days not. "The president's going to speak today in the Rose Garden. I want the president's voice to carry the day," he said, referring to scheduled statements later Monday from Trump and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Trump was not scheduled to take questions during the garden appearance with Modi.

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"This is nothing inconsistent with what we've said since Day One," Spicer added.

NBC News' Lester Holt conducted the last non-Fox television interview with Trump on May 11. This past week, he gave interviews to Ainsley Earhardt and Pete Hegseth of "Fox & Friends," a talk show so friendly to the president that CNN media reporter Brian Stelter described it as a Trump "infomercial."

Hegseth, in his interview over the weekend, asked Trump, "Who's been your biggest opponent? Has it been Democrats resisting? Has it been the fake news media? Has it been deep state leaks?"

He asked "how frustrating is it to have former President Obama out there, leading the resistance?" It was an apparent reference to a social media message the former president sent out in support of his health care law.

In Earhardt's interview, she discussed Trump's admission that he did not tape conversations with former FBI Director James Comey, despite earlier suggesting that there might be tapes. Raising the idea that Comey may have been taped in the White House "was a smart way to make sure he stayed honest in those (congressional) hearings" she said

hearings," she said.
"Well," Trump replied, "it wasn't very stupid, I can tell vou that."

Spokeswoman: Cosby town hall's about education, not assault

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A spokeswoman for Bill Cosby is clarifying the purpose of the comedian's planned town hall meetings after she and a colleague initially appeared to draw a link between the meetings and his mistrial on felony charges of sexual assault.

"I just want to be clear," Ebonee Benson told CNN. "The town hall meetings are not about sexual assault. I will repeat: These town hall meetings are not about sexual assault."

The town halls are aimed at restoring Cosby's legacy, and that's what she and fellow Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt meant to say during an Alabama TV station interview last week. Cosby was tried on charges stemming from an encounter with former Temple University worker Andrea Constand, who alleged that Cosby drugged and molested her in 2004.

Cosby, 79, contends the encounter was consensual.

In last Wednesday's interview with Birmingham station



In this June 17, 2017 file photo, Bill Cosby arrives for his sexual assault trial at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa.

WBRC, Wyatt said: "We'll talk to young people. Because this is bigger than Bill Cosby. You know, this, this issue can affect any young person, especially young athletes of today.

"And they need to know

they're hanging out and partying, when they're doing certain things they shouldn't be doing," he said, adding, "And it also affects married men."

Benson, who had read comments from Cosby's what they're facing when wife, Camille, slamming

prosecutors after the trial ended with a hung jury, said in that WBRC interview that people need to be aware of changing laws regarding sexual assault, including on statute of limitations.

Their interview resulted in

an outcry over the plans for by started 50 years ago when the town halls.

Neither she nor Wyatt responded to a request for comment from The Associated Press on Monday.

But on CNN Sunday, Benson blamed media reports for triggering criticism of Cosby's town hall plans, including from anti-sexual violence groups who suggested he was being hypocritical.

Instead of sexual assault, Benson said, "it is about continuing on with what Mr. Cos-

he began in the entertainment business, which is the importance of community, importance of education."

Prosecutors have said Cosby will be retried on sexual assault charges, but Wyatt said Sunday he doubts there will be another trial, pointing to the deadlocked jury.

The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, which Constand has done.

Cosby venue could move to California in sex abuse lawsuit

SANTA MONICA, Calif. Dad" for his TV role on "The (AP)—The stage for Bill Cosby's next legal challenge shifts to California with a hearing scheduled Tuesday to set a trial date in a lawsuit accusing him of sexually assaulting a teen at the Playboy Mansion more than 40 years

Judy Huth accused the comedian of forcing her to perform a sex act on him in a bedroom at the mansion around 1974 when she was 15.

The hearing comes less than two weeks after a Pennsylvania jury deadlocked on criminal charges against Cosby.

A mistrial was declared June 17 on charges Cosby drugged and molested Andrea Constand, the former Temple University director of women's basketball, at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. Cosby said the encounter was consensual.

Cosby's legal team declared victory after the mistrial, though Pennsylvania prosecutors vowed to retry him.

The comedian and actor once known as "America's

Cosby Show" as paternal Dr. Cliff Huxtable has had his reputation tarnished with accusations of sexual abuse by nearly 60 women.

In the wake of the criminal trial, though, Cosby is planning town hall meetings in an attempt to restore his legacy.

Cosby, 79, is fighting lawsuits by 10 women on both coasts. Three have filed sexual battery or defamation cases in California, and seven have sued for defamation in Massachusetts, where Cosby has a home. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Attorney Gloria Allred, who represents Huth, said the judge in Los Angeles Superior Court judge may delay setting a trial date to let Pennsylvania prosecutors pursue the retrial against Cosby first.

A second deposition by Cosby was put on hold pending the criminal case. His first deposition in the Huth case is sealed.

A spokesman for Cosby didn't immediately return a message seeking comment.

JK Rowling marks 20 years since Harry Potter appeared

LONDON (AP)—Wizarding legend Harry Potter's tale has turned 20.

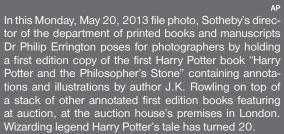
Author J.K. Rowling's first novel, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, was published in Britain on June 26, 1997.

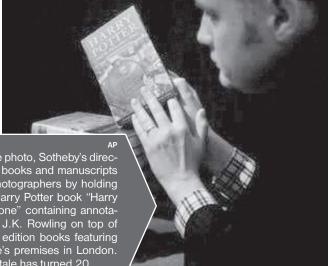
Since then, it has sold more than 450 million copies worldwide and has been translated into 79 languages. The books' magical world has inspired multiple films, spinoffs, memorabilia and amusement park attractions. The White Elephant Cafe, the Edinburgh spot where Rowling wrote the first book, has become an international tourist destination.

"20 years ago today a world

that I had lived in alone was suddenly open to others," Rowling tweeted. "It's been wonderful. Thank you."

Rowling's publisher, Bloomsbury, will release four new editions of the book, one for each house at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry, in honor of the anniversary.





Hospital patient receives surprise anatomy lesson

EAR ABBY: I recently had to spend a night in the hospital following minor surgery. One of the female techs taking care of me leaned over me to straighten out the bedding and I could see "everything" when the top of her scrubs fell open.

I'm not sure if it was on purpose or by accident. I say this because after the first time, it happened several more times. I only looked the first time out of shock. The other times, I

Other than saying, "Hey, lady, I can see your boobies when you bend over," what's the polite way to say, "Oops—wardrobe malfunction"?

GOT AN EYEFUL IN ILLINOIS

DEAR GOT AN EYEFUL: Since, with luck, you won't have to make another visit to the hospital, I think your question may be moot. However, the discreet way to deal with something like that would be to mention what happened to the head nurse or supervisor and say that it made you uncomfortable.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 30s and recently met a very attractive woman my age. We are planning to get married. She wants us to be married as soon as possible because she has been

divorced for the last seven years.

My problem is, she's extremely secretive about her past, especially the period between her divorce and our meeting. I have been open with her about my past, but when I ask about hers, she refuses to discuss it and says it has nothing to do with our relationship.

I have a feeling there may be something nasty she's hiding. I'm afraid I'm heading into a trap, but my love for her makes it tough to consider breaking up. Am I being too demanding? CONCERNED GUY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CONCERNED GUY: If your intuition is screaming that your girlfriend's desire for a hasty marriage could spell trouble in the future, you should pay close attention to it. It is not "too demanding" to want to know what one's fiancee has been doing for the last seven years. Under no circumstances should you marry this woman without first talking to a lawyer, who I am sure will suggest doing a background check and/or drafting an ironclad prenuptial agreement.

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a bridal shower for my nephew's fiancee. My sister-in-law (the future mother-in-law of the bride) also attended the shower. She did not choose any gifts from the bride's registry, but decided instead to give the bride lingerie, including thong underwear. Frankly, I was shocked. I

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didn't think it was appropriate for either the mother or the future mother-in-law to give such intimate gifts. Am I wrong?

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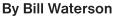
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Let your imagination help you out when dealing with children, your romantic partner or someone looking for a handout. Preparation will be your saving grace. Don't give in to the powers of persuasion and pressure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make plans that will help transform your home into a place you want to spend your time and also entertain friends and relatives. Making room for guests and creating a warm and friendly environment will lead to good times. OOOOO

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An emotional incident will develop if you or someone you are dealing with is not honest or upfront with information. Put your efforts into creative endeavors that calm your nerves and encourage personal growth. Subdue your emotions. 🗪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Check out job opportunities or group activities that will improve your life and current situation. Let your emotions and intuition help you make the best choices for you. Don't let someone else take over or bully you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Behind-thescenes activities can be expected. Someone may try to outmaneuver you or manipulate vour next move. Don't make drastic changes without first stabilizing your current position. Be smart about your choices. •••

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rely on your intuition when dealing with others. Partnerships look favorable and can help you bring about the changes you desire. A physi-

cal challenge will revitalize you and make you feel good about what you have achieved. Make health a priority. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's best not

to offer your opinion until you have all the facts. Acting on a hunch or an assumption will turn into a costly financial or emotional situation. Things are not as they appear. Offer patience and understanding.

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with talented people looks promising. •••• SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's important to be straightforward when discussing joint ventures, finances or

a job you are expected to finish. Emotions will swell if you give someone the wrong impression. Keep your life simple and honest and live within your means. 👀

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come up with some good ideas that will prompt changes within your relationships. Don't just talk about what you want to do, make good on your plans. A trip that includes learning as

well as enjoyment is favored. **2000** AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Examine the possibility of making changes to your residence, lifestyle or financial dealings. Make alterations that will ease your stress. Expanding your assets looks promising, but may cause concern for someone you are in a partner-

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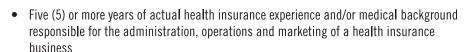
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Westbrook wins NBA MVP; Rockets, Bucks take 2 awards

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Westbrook voted MVP on Monday night after setting a record with 42 triple-doubles during his historic season. He led the league with 31.6 points and added 10.7 rebounds and 10.4 assists per game, joining Robertson as the only players to average a triple-double for the season and breaking Robertson's single-season record of 41 tripledoubles in 1961-62.

"I remember growing up just being home, playing the video games and stuff with my pops, and my mom sitting there and my brother and just talking about maybe one day I could be the MVP. Obviously I was joking at the time," Westbrook said.

"But now to be standing here with this trophy next to me is a true blessing, man, and it's an unbelievable feeling, something that I can never imagine.'

Westbrook's victory ended the first NBA Awards show, which included two wins apiece for the Houston Rockets and Milwaukee Bucks.

He received 69 first-place votes and 888 points from a panel of 100 media members and a fan vote to easily beat Houston's James Harden, who had 22 first-place votes and 753 points. Kawhi Leonard was third with nine first-place votes and 500 points.

Westbrook succeeded Stephen Curry, who had won the past two MVP awards. The point guard who plays with defiance on the court got choked up during an ac-



ceptance speech in which he brought some teammates onto the stage with him.

The Thunder went 33-9 when he had a triple-double, riding Westbrook's record run into the playoffs in their first season after losing Kevin Durant to the Golden State War-

"Oscar, guys like him, Mag-

ic Johnson, those guys, obviously I wasn't able to see those guys play, but just to look back at history and see the things that they did, it's something that I looked up to as a kid," Westbrook said.

"I never thought I would be able to say that I broke Oscar Robertson's record, and that's just a true blessing."

Earlier, Milwaukee's Malcolm Brogdon became the first

Brogdon was the No. 36 overall selection out of Virginia. The common draft era began in 1966.

player not picked in the first round to win NBA Rookie of the Year in the common draft era, beating out Philadelphia's Dario Saric and Joel Embiid.

Fewer players with international ties picked in NBA draft

MIAMI (AP)—Lauri Markkanen had a special accessory sewn into the lining of his suit jacket at the NBA draft.

The Finnish flag.

"It's been a little while," Markkanen said.

For the sharpshooting Finn, it was worth the wait.

Markkanen—officially drafted by Minnesota, but traded to Chicago in the deal that sent Jimmy Butler to the Timberwolves—will become the second Finland-born player in the NBA, after Hanno Mottola. And while international players didn't hear their name called as often in this year's draft as was the case last year, when a record 27 were selected, there was still a distinct foreign flavor.

"I'm really honored to be part of this organization, and can't wait to go there and do what I can," said Markkanen, who spent his lone college

season at Arizona. "It's just a blessing to be here. And of course Michael Jordan, greatest player ever to play, so it's huge to be a part of it."

There were a half-dozen players with true international ties taken in the first round. Right after Markkanen went off the board, the New York Knicks took point guard Frank Ntilikina with the No. 8 pick.

Still just 18, Ntilikina has been a pro for three years already.

"I think it definitely helped me to play against grown men, adults, and to play against some of the guys that went into the NBA actually," Ntilikina said. "Like, I had teammates that played in the NBA, former Mavs Rodrigue Beaubois, former Knick Mardy Collins, so actually every teammate can help you to make the transition."

UCLA's T.J. Leaf, picked No. 18 by Indiana, was born in Israel. Terrance Ferguson, the No. 21 pick by Oklahoma City, was born in Oklahoma but played this last season in Australia. OG Anunoby, the No. 23 pick by Toronto, was born in London.

And Anzejs Pasecniks was taken at No. 25 by Orlando before getting traded to Philadelphia; he's a Latvian who has been playing in Spain. But he's well-versed in the NBA

"I was like all kids, I was watching LeBron, Kobe, Durant, Allen Iverson," Pasecniks said. "I was hoping one day I'm going to be there, too, and now I'm hoping that one day other kids are going to watch my top moments and think that he wants to be like me one day."

The second round, as usual, featured plenty of players from foreign teams-former UCLA player and Australiaborn Jonah Bolden was most

recently playing in Serbia; Vlatko Cancar, Ognjen Jaramaz and Alpha Kaba were all teammates in Serbia; Isaiah Hartenstein was born in Oregon, raised in Germany and played in Lithuania; Mathias Lessort has been in France and Aleksandar Vezenkov last played in Spain.

They've all been pros already.

Now, when or if any actually get to the NBA, their biggest challenge awaits.

"Being in different situations in my life, coming from Eugene to Germany then to Lithuania really helped me mature as a player and as a person and I think I was really ready for this step," said Hartenstein, who went No. 43 to Houston. "I think now just getting picked where I got picked, I think now I'm just coming in with another chip on my shoulder, and I think I'm just going to work as hard as I can."

Kia NBA Most Valuable Player, Best Style & Game Winner Award winner, Russell Westbrook, poses in the press room at the 2017 NBA Awards at Basketball City at Pier 36 on Monday, June 26, 2017, in

"I think it's an example for guys that are told they are too short, they are not athletic enough, they are not real point guards, they are not real shooting guards," Brogdon said. "I just think it's an important message for people to see, and it can be done. It just takes a lot."

Teammate Giannis Antetokounmpo won the Most Improved Player award.

Houston coach D'Antoni won his second Coach of the Year award, and the Rockets' Eric Gordon was Sixth Man of the Year after setting a record for most 3-pointers off the bench in his first season as a reserve.

"Obviously I'm just proud of the team and the way they responded all year. Great organization," D'Antoni said of the Rockets' 55-win season.

"This is not an individual award. This is a lot of people, a lot of hard work goes into it, and I'm the recipient of some pretty good players."

In his first season coming off the bench, Gordon set a single-season record with 206 3-pointers by a reserve. He averaged 16.2 points to help fuel the Rockets' run to the surprising No. 3 seed in the Western Conference and edged former NBA Finals MVP Andre Iguodala of Golden State by 32 points.

Golden State's Draymond Green won the Defensive Player of the Year, ending Leonard's two-year run. Leading the league in steals from his do-everything role with the NBA champions. He had a franchise-record 10 steals in a Feb. 10 game at Memphis while recording the first triple-double in NBA history without scoring in double figures, adding 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

The NBA formerly gave out its individual awards at various points throughout the postseason before switching to the awards show this season and presenting them all at once in front of the league's top players and stars from the entertainment world.

Two of the best moments came during segments that didn't include the NBA's six individual awards.

8-time All-Star Dwight Howard: I have a lot left in the tank

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—At 31 and entering his 14th NBA season, eighttime All-Star Dwight Howard says his best basketball is ahead of him.

Wearing a teal suit with black trim, a smiling Howard insisted Monday he can return to being a dominant center with the Charlotte Hornets, where he will be reunited with coach Steve Clifford and play for one of his childhood heroes, team owner Michael Jordan.

"A lot of people have written me off, which is great because it's going to make me work even harder," Howard said during his introductory news conference. "I'm just looking forward to this opportunity because I have a lot left in the tank."

This will be Howard's third team in three seasons.

The Atlanta Hawks, his hometown team, traded him to Charlotte one year into a three-year, \$74 million contract. Howard said he has no hard feelings, adding that "sometimes things just don't work out."

But he's confident Charlotte is the right fit.

"I think I'm a lot healthier than I have been in the past five years and I think this is going to be my best time,"

Howard said. "I'm a lot wiser now, stronger mentally and physically, and I'm in the right place with a great coach, a great GM and the GOAT (greatest of all time). So I think this is the perfect opportunity.'

Much of Howard's optimism stems from being reunited with Clifford.

They worked together for seven seasons in Orlando and Los Angeles, and the 6-foot-11 three-time Defensive Player of the Year loves Clifford's defense-first mentality. He's also confident Clifford will put him in the right situations to succeed on offense.

"He understands me," Howard said. "... He was always there for me and not once did he turn his back on me or talk bad about me. He was very positive and he was somebody that I have always trusted in."

The feeling is mutual.

Clifford said he's never coached a player smarter than Howard when it comes to understanding defensive coverages. While Howard has incredible athletic ability, Clifford said, he's never been given the credit he deserves for playing a "thinking man's game."

"Smart always wins in the NBA," Clifford said.

Down 7 and missing Francona, Indians rally to top Texas



cisco Lindor, Lonnie Chisenhall and Carlos Santana each had three RBIs to help the Cleveland Indians rally from a seven-run deficit and beat the Texas Rangers 15-9 on Monday night after manager Terry Francona left the game because he wasn't feeling well.

The Indians came back after trailing 9-2 in the fourth inning to avoid their first fourgame losing streak since 2015.

Cleveland did not provide any other details about Francona, who presented Rangers first baseman and former Indian Mike Napoli with his American League Championship ring before the game. Bench coach Brad Mills came out to fetch starter Carlos Carrasco in the fourth inning.

The Indians scored a run in the fourth, four in the fifth, took the lead with five in the sixth and added three in the seventh.

Bryan Shaw (2-2) pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the win. Tanner Scheppers (0-1) allowed all three batters he faced to reach the base.

Angels 4, Dodgers O

In Los Angeles, Ricky Nolasco pitched into the seventh inning to pick up his first win in almost two months while Yunel Escobar drove in two runs as the Angels snapped the Dodgers' 10-game winning

Nolasco (3-9) gave up five hits while striking out five and walking two in 6 2/3 innings. He left the game after getting hit by a line drive by Enrique Hernandez. Nolasco was 0-7 in 10 starts since beating Oakland on April 27.

The Dodgers also ended a streak of 17 consecutive games with at least one home run, which was tied for the longest stretch since moving to Los Angeles before the 1958 season.

Dodgers starter Rich Hill (4-4) gave up three runs and four hits in seven innings, striking out seven and walking two.

Cubs 5, Nationals 4

In Washington, Wade Davis struck out big league batting leader Ryan Zimmerman with runners on second and third to blunt Washington's ninthinning rally as Chicago held on for a win.

In danger of being shut out for the first time this season, the NL East-leading Nationals scored four times in the ninth. Their comeback began against Hector Rondon and continued when Davis became the Cubs' eighth pitcher of the game.

With Washington down 5-3, Bryce Harper's single loaded the bases with two outs. Davis



threw a wild pitch that scored a run before striking out a swinging Zimmerman, who's hitting .344. The final pitch bounced, and catcher Willson Contreras zipped a low throw to first baseman Anthony Rizzo to close out the victory.

Contreras hit a leadoff home run in his first career game-opening at-bat and Eddie Butler (4-2) worked five scoreless innings to keep the Cubs ahead.

Gio Gonzalez (7-2) allowed a run and two hits, striking out eight over six innings.

Red Sox 4, Twins 1

In Boston, Chris Sale pitched 6 1/3 overpowering innings with nine strikeouts and Mitch Moreland hit a solo homer for the third straight game as Boston beat Minnesota in a matchup of two of the AL's top teams.

Dustin Pedroia had two hits and drove in a run and Moreland added a sacrifice for Boston, which kept pace with the New York Yankees atop the East.

Coming off a three-game sweep in Cleveland that had jumped them over the Indians into first in the Central, the Twins' offense was stymied by Sale and three relievers.

Sale (10-3) gave up one run and four hits, increasing his major-league strikeout total to 155. Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 21st save.

Jose Berrios (7-2) allowed four runs on eight hits in 6 1/3 innings. Chris Gimenez had a solo homer for Minnesota.

Yankees 6, White Sox 5

In Chicago, Jordan Montgomery matched his season high with seven solid innings and closer Aroldis Chapman shut down a ninth-inning rally just in time, lifting New York over

New York led 6-1 entering the ninth, but Yankees reliever Chasen Shreve gave up a three-run homer to Tim Anderson and Chapman allowed an RBI double to Jose Abreu. Chapman retired Avisail Garcia and Todd Frazier to finish his eighth save and first since returning from the disabled list a week ago.

Recently recalled outfielder Tyler Austin lined a solo homer and had a sacrifice fly for New York, which won for the third time in 13 games to keep pace with Boston atop the AL East.

Frazier hit a solo homer for the only run off Montgomery

New York took advantage of three Chicago errors to

score four unearned runs off starter David Holmberg (1-2).

Diamondbacks 6, Phillies 1

In Phoenix, Zack Greinke pitched five effective innings after a shaky start and Daniel Descalso had three RBIs as Arizona rolled over Philadelphia.

The Diamondbacks were sluggish Sunday against the Phillies, scratching out a 2-1 victory in 11 innings. They took advantage of a rough outing by Nick Pivetta (1-4) in the series finale, racking up six runs in less than three innings against the rookie right-hander.

Chris Herrmann led off the first inning with a homer and Greinke (9-4) allowed a run and three hits with five strikeouts.

Cardinals 8, Reds 2

In St. Louis,

Cleveland Indians' Edwin Encarnacion, left, and Carlos Santana celebrate after both score on Lonnie Chisenhall's two-run single in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Monday, June 26, 2017, in Cleveland.

Grichuk and Jedd Gyorko each homered and drove in three runs, leading St. Louis over Cincinnati.

Michael Wacha (4-3), who began the day with an 8.17 ERA over his last seven starts, limited the Reds to one run on five hits in six innings. He struck out five and walked

Brandon Finnegan (1-1) was activated off the disabled list after missing more than two months because of a shoulder problem. The lefty exited in the fourth with a strained left triceps.

Giants 9, Rockies 2

In San Francisco, Buster Posey hit an RBI double in the first and a sacrifice fly two innings later and Jeff Samardzija struck out five pitching into the seventh as San Francisco snapped a five-game losing streak by beating Colorado.

Brandon Belt and Denard Span each added run-scoring triples to back Samardzija (3-9), who lost his first three starts against the Rockies this year. He won for the first time in four total starts after losing his previous two decisions since beating the Brewers on June 5.

Joe Panik hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth as San Francisco went ahead 5-0 against Rockies rookie right-hander German Marquez (5-4). Colorado dropped its season-high sixth straight game.

Tebow or the fight might not be great, but so what?

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP SPORTS COLUMNIST

The odds keep dropping on Conor McGregor, though it's more because UFC fans love him than his actual chances of winning a boxing match against Floyd Mayweather Jr.

No, oddsmakers don't think McGregor has any chance. But his fans keep lining up at the betting window with \$20 bills to back their belief that someone who has never boxed before can beat the greatest defensive boxer of his time.

It's nonsense, of course, but that doesn't deter McGregor's fans. There's also a good chance they'll be spending another \$100 or so to watch the fight on TV, which, of course, is why the fight was made in the first place.

There will be big crowds in Florida this summer, too, though not to watch anyone fight. The St. Lucie Mets have a new outfielder who has more than a bit of name recognition in the state.

Like McGregor, A ball, and not in a sport new to him at the relatively advanced age of 29.

Tebow is not going to be a major leaguer, no matter what those flocking to the minor league ballpark believe. He may not even believe it himself after hitting three home runs while striking out 69 times with the Columbia Fireflies.

That got Tebow a promotion in the Mets organization that even team officials found difficult to explain. That it's in a state where he won the Heisman Trophy as the quarterback for the University of Florida not so many years ago seems to be a little more than a coincidence.

But, really, what is the Tim harm? Tebow will put more Tebow has no real chance. fans in seats, and they will be Not after hitting .220 in low- happy fans because they will get a chance to be close to someone they idolize.

The same goes for Mc-Gregor fighting Mayweather. The fight may be a mismatch, but no one is forcing anyone to pay to watch it. If McGregor's fans want to blow their summer vacation money on him, well, that's their choice.

I mean, the Cleveland Browns aren't really competitive either, but that doesn't stop thousands of fans from putting down money every

year for season tickets to watch their team.

That sports are really just entertainment with a score attached shouldn't come as much surprise to anyone at the ballpark. Batters have their own walk-up music, mascots roam the stands, and every football game offers some kind of halftime attraction to keep ticket buyers interested.

The best thing happening in Atlanta right now isn't the Braves playing in a spanking new stadium. It's The Freeze, a costumed superhero who outruns a hapless fan between innings and has become so popular that he's knocked the sausage race out of the nightly ESPN highlights.

Want some dancing to go with your baseball? Check out the groundskeepers for the Yankees breaking out to "Y.M.C.A" between innings.

Again, nothing new. Bill Veeck was the owner of the St. Louis Browns in 1951 when he had the idea to put in Eddie Gaedel to pinch hit in a game. Gaedel, who stood all of 3-foot-7 and had the uniform number 1/8, drew a walk in his only plate appearance.

"For a minute, I felt like Babe Ruth," Gaedel said.

It's all entertainment. Some good, some bad, and some that will be remembered for all the wrong reasons.

McGregor and Mayweather are merely entertainers themselves. They'll sell their fight with trash talk and stunts that will be far more fun than the bout itself and no one will be able to say they weren't forewarned about what was going to happen.

AP source: Raiders QB Carr agrees to \$125M extension

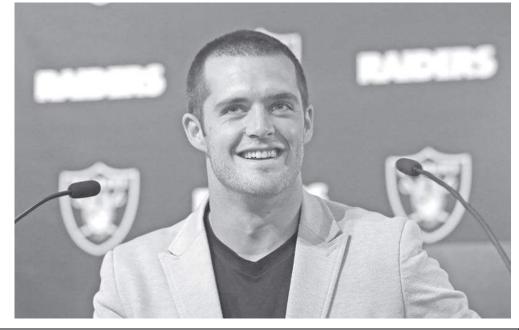


Calif. (AP)— Raiders quarterback Derek Carr finalized a five-

year contract extension Thursday that will keep him with the team through the 2022 season.

Carr tweeted that an agreement had been reached to add five years to his current rookie deal that expires after this season. The contract will be worth \$125 million, according to a person familiar with the deal who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because terms were not released. NFL Network first reported the terms of the contract.

The Raiders are counting on



Baylor confirms NCAA investigation after sex abuse scandal

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—The NCAA is conducting an "ongoing, pending investigation" into Baylor University in the wake of a sexual assault scandal that led to the firing of football coach Art Briles and the departure of the school president, the school's lawyers confirmed in a federal court filing.

Baylor officials acknowledged the investigation while asking a judge to protect the school's communications with the NCAA from attorneys for several women who have sued the nation's largest Baptist university.

Baylor contends the school must maintain the confidentiality of the NCAA's investigation process, though the school could turn over some informa-

never looked back, as Palino

continued to do wonders for

the team. SSFM posted its

biggest lead at 103-77, af-

ter Andrew Ashburn's five

straight points off a fadeaway

shot and a triple, down to the

last 2:34 of the finale. SSFM

wisely melted down the clock

en route to the 22-point win-

Besides Palino, four other

SSFM players scored in twin

digits in their title win. Bar-

cinas chipped in 19, Ashburn

added 18, and Galarse and

Lizama contributed 17 and 11,

SSFM

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tion to plaintiffs' attorneys who make specific requests. Providing all communications with the NCAA, including what documents it had requested and who had been interviewed, could compromise the investigation, Baylor's lawyers argued.

"I find it significant that for over a vear Baylor has been going around talking about transparency but tells the court it wants to turn over no records," said Chad Dunn, one of the attorneys representing several women who have sued Baylor.

Baylor officials declined further comment Monday and an NCAA spokeswoman declined comment.

ESPN reported in May that

Paulo Sanguyo led Arianne's

the NCAA had conducted interviews with Baylor officials,

former employees and alleged victims, but that the school hadn't been given a formal notice of investigation.

Baylor anticipated NCAA action in May 2016 when it announced the findings of an internal investigation into sexual assaults and said that Briles had been fired and President Ken Starr, who later resigned, had been demoted. At the time, Baylor said it had hired outside counsel and contacted the NCAA about possible infractions, but did not elaborate. New school President Linda Livingstone took her post on June 1.

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losing effort after firing 25 Cuadro PS 67 – Directo 17, points, while Ken Viray tallied Quan 14, Gunnacao 7, Guntar 21, but was held to two field 6, Rivera 6, Ferrer 5, Manzano 4, Dayrit 3, Estolas 2. Meanwhile, in the battle for

Scoring by quarters: 21-13, 46-27, 74-43, 91-67.

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eased past Cuadro PS, 91-67. Ali'i Blue Haus leaned on its balance offense to dominate Cuadro PS. All but one of Ali'i Blue Haus' scorers registered double figures with John Santos top-scoring for the squad with his 18 points.

third place, Ali'i Blue Haus

First Game

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Second Game

SSFM 105 - Palino 25, Barcinas 19 Ashburn 18, Galarse 17, Lizama 11, Libuw 8, Santos 4, Kapileo 2, Pantaleon 2.

Arianne 83 – Sanguyo 25, Viray 21, Mangali 10, Guiang 8, Almario 4, Lilles 5, Inos 3, Usi 2, Salazar 2, Paraiso 1.

Scoring by quarters: 17-17, 47-39, 72-67, 105-83.

Baylor has been engulfed

by the scandal for more than a year as more than a dozen women have filed lawsuits alleging the school or mishandled or ignored their rape claims against football players and other students for years. The school is also facing several federal civil rights investigations and a state criminal investigation.

Oakland Raiders quarterback Derek Carr smiles while speaking at a news conference in Oakland, Calif., Friday, June 23, 2017.

Carr to be the face of the franchise when it moves to Las Vegas for the 2020 season and are paying him that way. The \$25 million per year in new money is the richest contract ever in the NFL, beating out the \$24.8 million a year Andrew Luck got from Indianapolis.

Both sides had expressed a strong interest in signing a long-term deal with Carr, who was scheduled to enter the final year of his rookie contract. Carr had imposed a deadline of the start of training camp in late July.

Carr has transformed the Raiders from a perennial loser into a contender after being drafted in the second round in 2014. He was part of a stellar draft class led by AP Defensive Player of the Year Khalil Mack and third-round guard Gabe Jackson, who have been key to Oakland's turnaround.

He lost his first 10 starts as a rookie before winning seven games his second year and taking the Raiders to the playoffs in 2016 with a 12-4 record. Carr missed the final game of that season and the playoff loss to Houston with a broken leg.

But he's healed now and a major reason why the Raiders are the preseason favorites to win the AFC West and contenders to dethrone the New England Patriots as the top team in the conference.

Carr has thrown for 11,194 yards in his first three seasons and ranks fourth all-time with 81 touchdown passes through three years, trailing only Dan Marino, Luck and Peyton Manning. He has shown dramatic improvement each season in his career after an upand-down rookie campaign when he threw 21 TD passes, but averaged only 5.5 yards per attempt.

Carr's best season came in 2016 when he led seven fourth-quarter comebacks while completing a careerhigh 63.8 percent of his passes. He threw for 3,937 yards with 28 touchdowns and only six interceptions in just 15 games.

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CNMI from the second to fifth

The CNMI ended the slump at the bottom of the sixth, thanks to Henry Aguon's run. Then in the last inning, Aguon had an RBI single and also reached home of Tindin Deleon Guerrero's single to stay in the game. The home squad had an opportunity to move closer when it loaded the bases with two outs, however the Philippines' Naoki Akita caught a fly from Dennis Cabrera to end the match and the CNMI's chances for the World Series slot.

Earlier in their make-up match, the Philippines registered four runs each in the first and second inning and held the CNMI without a run in the first six to notch its first win.

Meanwhile, in the Junior League division, Chinese-Taipei moved one victory

away from sweeping the eliminations after beating Hong Kong twice.

Chinese-Taipei and Hong Kong played a make-up match last Monday night with the former cruising to an 18-0 victory.

The four-time World Series champion needed only four innings to finish the match after scoring six runs in the first and exploding for 12 in the second. The highly favored team forced Hong Kong to a 1-2-3 in all four innings and pitcher Chao Chun Hao threw a nohitter while striking out six batters.

In their game yesterday, Chinese-Taipei also ended the match early, getting the 10-0 triumph after only five innings. Lee Hao-Yu pitched for Chinese-Taipei and gave up only one hit.

With the back-to-back losses, Hong Kong fell to a 1-3 record, the same mark that the CNMI has, pending results of its make-up game against

work together to clean up after

the Philippines last night. The Philippines won its first meeting against the CNMI yesterday, 7-0, to boost its finals hopes. The visiting team improved to a 2-2 card for second place in the team standings and another victory against the CNMI last night would move the former to the finals against the unbeaten Chinese-Taipei.

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tactics we had were not easily executed but the girls kept trying. The players are very much happy and they appreciate all the support they are getting from NMIFA, Seisa, JFA, and Jerry Tan. We hope that this trip helped the girls refocus their goals and objectives for EAFF and upcoming friendlies and tournaments,'

NMIFA technical director Michiteru Mita checked the team during their training camp last week, while his predecessor Kivoshi Sekiguchi also visited the squad.

the team manager said.

"We would like to thank all that helped made this camp happen. To Jerry Tan, coach Mita, to Ross Zapanta and the rest of NMIFA, thank you for your continued support to the Women's National Team as this trip has given a lot of positive output to the players. We were well taken care of while at the Seisa Hakone Sports Club. Everyone welcomed us warmly every day," Ito said.

"We had very competitive and challenging matches all throughout. Off the pitch, the girls always greeted the staff with a smile and they would

each meal and take care of the equipment. They looked out for each other," she added. Eighteen players joined the training camp and returned to

Saipan yesterday morning. The list includes Chevy Kate Alipio, Elaine Enriquez, Jerlyn Castillo, Krizel Tuazon, Anela Duenas, Samantha Mancop, Paulynn Joyce, Sharmaine Francisco, Chloe Salvosa, Guinevere Borja, Diana Maniacop, Jasmine Phan, Britany Wally, Grace Choi, Aira Ngalongalo, Dianne Pablo, Bernadette Horey, and Jeralyn Castillo.

CNMI

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gie Ito said.

The Commonwealth's players also dueled Toyo High School and they played better, allowing only two goals. Then the visitors closed out the friendlies with matches against three Seisa teams. The CNMI lost to Seisa's adult squad, 0-7, to the high school team, 0-3, and the middle school, 0-2.

"The Toyo HS team was a little less skilled compared to JFA U15 Academy, but their

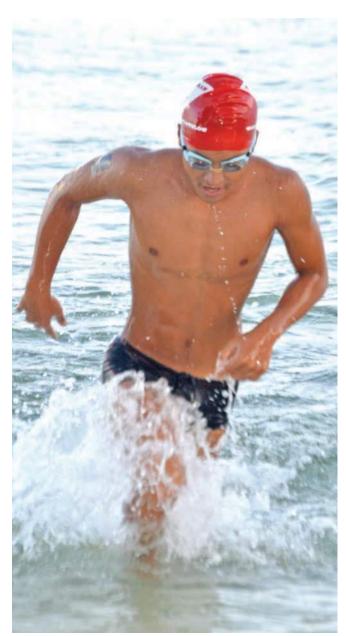
players were still able to control the ball and be aggressive in the game. We lost goals from basic mistakes and we were frequently penetrated from the blindside," Ito said.

Against Seisa's teams, Ito said the CNMI was able to do some attacking play and regain the ball much quicker.

"Overall, it was a positive input and output for the players. There were more discussion among the players and coaches regarding each game. The team had set goals on how to win the ball back and how to attack together. The SAIPAN TRIBUNE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017 **27**

Swim Leg of Tagaman Triathlon

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Lennosuke Suzuki runs out of the water during the 1.5-kilometer swim leg of last Saturday's Tagaman Triathlon.



Russ Quinn takes a shower after completing the swim race.



Race organizer Ricky Castro, left, calls out the number of the swimmers heading to the transition area.



lan Solana stops his watch as he heads to the transition area.



Jinie Thompson gets out of the water.



Jinnosuke Suzuki is the first out of the water.



Nap Dizon crosses the finish line of the swim leg and proceeds to the transition area.



Pros Aleksandr Dorovskikh, left, and Joe Miller rush out of the water.



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SSFM tops San Antonio league the game late in the third By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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SFM took the championship in the 2017 San Antonio Summer Basketball League after downing Arianne Fish Mart in the finals, 105-83, last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

Andrew Palino towed SSFM to the title win, as he led the team's

breakaway in the fourth quarter. Palino scored a game-high 25 points, 10 came in the fourth period and most of them were made off his daredevil drives as he toyed around with the defense of Arianne.

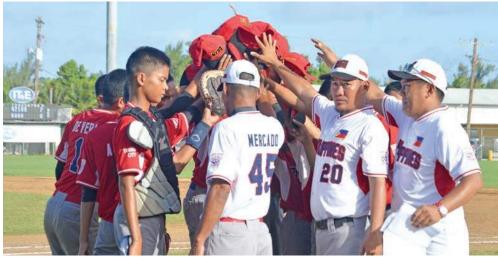
Before folding up and failing to contain Palino, Arianne was still very much in

quarter. The match was even tied at 61-all, with a little over two minutes left in the penultimate canto before SSFM had an 11-6 windup to gain cushion, 72-67, entering the fourth period. Palino had 5 points in that late surge, while Leo Galarse and Jack Lizama combined for the 6 other markers.

SSFM went on to establish a double-digit lead in the early goings of the final canto, 77-67, off Dan Barcinas' pair of charities, and Lizama's completed and-1 play. SSFM

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The Philippine Junior League Team players and officials huddle before heading to the field to bat during their game against the CNMI Junior League All-Stars yesterday in the 2017 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

CNMI completes training camp in Japan

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The CNMI Women's National Team had a six-day training camp in Japan last week in preparation for its campaign in the 2018 EAFF Women's Preliminary Round 1.

The camp, which ran from June 21 to 26 at the Seisa Hakone Sengokuhara Sports Club, saw the Commonwealth's female players challenging three teams in training matches, learning about the Japanese culture, visiting sites, and watching a professional game at the famous Nissan Stadium.

The Luam Khen-coached team first played against Japan Football Association's U15 Team and lost, 0-9.

of the JFA U15 were difficult for the team to play against. In the first half, the CNMI attacked on the left side and tried to pene-

trate the opponent's midfield and defense flank. In Northern the second half, the Mariana Islands CNMI attacked Football Association the right side majority of the time. We had a

SSFM's Andrew Palino, right, eludes the defense of Arianne Fish Mart's Dexter Gui-ang for one of his several baskets in the fourth quarter of their title game in the San

> good opportunity when we placed the ball in the opponent's box, but was not able to finish," team manager An-

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The CNMI Women's National Team players and officials pose with their hosts during a courtesy visit "The skill level and tactics to Hakone Mayor Nobuo Yamaguchi last week.

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The CNMI Senior All-Stars are out of contention in the 2017 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament following their back-toback losses to the Philippines.

The Philippines first topped the hosts in a make-up game last Monday night, 10-6, at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield before making it two in a row yesterday, 8-2. The PH bets now have a 2-1 record, the same mark that Guam has, while the CNMI dropped to a 1-3 card. The Philippines and Guam, which will play in the last elimination match today, will battle for the championship tomorrow with the winner advancing to the World Series.

The CNMI kissed its World Series bid goodbye after failing to score from the second to fifth inning in their game against the Philippines yesterday and falling short in its rally in the last two innings. Before the fourinning meltdown, the hosts were once ahead,

3-1, after Shakobe Rangamar nailed an RBI double and made run and Kimo Angailen also hit an RBI single at the bottom off the first.

Miguel Guzman's single drove in Caleb Evaristo at the top of the first for the Philippines, which eventually grabbed the lead in the second inning, 4-3, as the visitors posted two more earned runs and one off the CNMI's miscue. The Philippines went on to increase its lead as it scored three runs apiece in the fourth and sixth, while silencing the

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